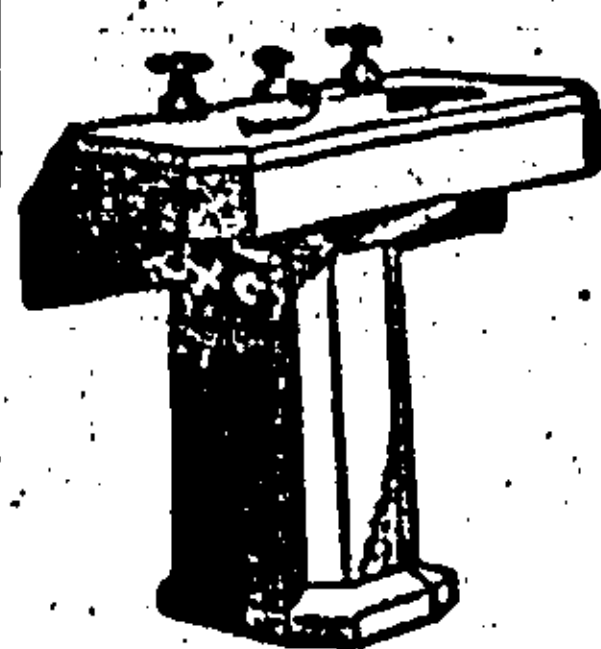


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Senator Johnson.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW LITTLE TO FURNISH A THRILL

London, Dec. 13.
The draw for the first round of the Scottish Association Cup draw was made in Glasgow to-day, and resulted in a very curious distribution. In only two of the matches do First Division eleven clash. The draw follows:
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Peterhead v. Hamilton
Matches are to be played on January 20.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE VISITS UNEMPLOYED

London, Dec. 13.
When the Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Council of Social Services, began a three days' tour of Yorkshire at Hull to-day, he was given an enthusiastic welcome by the unemployed men of the city, four of whose clubs he visited. In these clubs he inspected the men's activities and talked to them, with an entire absence of formality, on a variety of subjects. The Prince also visited the handicraft centre for crippled children. Afterwards, he drove to Beverley, to visit a hostel where unemployed boys receive agricultural training, then went on to York, where he visited more unemployed centres and opened a Boys' Club.—*British Wireless.*

HIGH COST OF RECOVERY ROOSEVELT WANTS MINIMUM OF \$6,000,000,000

Washington, Dec. 13.
The colossal cost of the Roosevelt recovery programme is partly revealed in an official announcement on the financial proposals for the coming year. It is stated that the Administration is preparing for an Appropriation demand of a minimum of \$6,000,000,000, of which \$2,600,

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

SPLIT IN RANKS OF REPUBLICANS

MUST SUPPORT ROOSEVELT

Washington, Dec. 13.
A new alignment of political forces in the United States, with a section of the Republican Party taking the leading part, was foreshadowed in an important speech to-day by Senator Hiram Johnson.

The suggestion has caused animated discussion in political circles, though no hint is yet forthcoming concerning the strength of the movement commenced by Mr. Johnson, who hinted at the early formation of a new political party. The main feature of the proposed party is that its members will be drawn principally from the ranks of the Republicans and that it will pledge its support to the Roosevelt policy.

OR ELSE.
Senator Johnson and his supporters are apparently actuated by conviction, not ill-based, that the Roosevelt policy has been carried so far that any attempt to retrace steps would result in complete economic chaos. In outlining the programme, Senator Johnson declared that party lines had been loosened by the present economic and social revolution in the United States. A re-alignment of political thought was necessary.

The country, he said, must now go through with the Roosevelt programme to the end, or else go to hell economically. It is stated in Washington that while President Roosevelt is adhering to his objective of a world-wide reduction of tariff walls, he believes that owing to international conditions to-day, this objective will be reached by negotiating bilateral treaties with individual countries, as the British Government has been doing in the last twelve months.—*Reuter.*

CHESTERFIELD KEEP IT UP

FIFTEENTH LEAGUE VICTORY

London, Dec. 14.
In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Chesterfield, who are running away with the championship, obtained their fifteenth victory in seventeen games. They were playing at home to Barrow and won by two goals to one.

In a friendly match at Liverpool, Liverpool defeated the Austria Football Club by four goals to two.—*Reuter.*

ROAMING IN THE GLOAMING

Sir John Simon's "Holiday"

London, Dec. 14.
It is understood that as the outcome of yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Britain will make a supreme effort to re-weave the threads of the disarmament conference.

It is stated that Sir John Simon will spend the Christmas recess "holidaying" on the Continent. He will be particularly attracted by the charms of Rome, Paris, Geneva and possibly Berlin.—*Reuter.*

FREE STATE CRISIS ON BLUE SHIRT ISSUE

GOVERNMENT PROSTITUTING POWERS

Dublin, Dec. 13.
The ban on the Blue Shirt organisation, which has been followed by swift action, including the seizure of the headquarters of the United Ireland Party, was discussed in the Senate to-day, on the motion for adjournment.

Senator Milroy challenged the Government to produce any evidence to justify their actions. He declared that the Blue Shirts stood for the end of rule by the gun-bully. The Government was merely prostituting its powers to party purposes.

STORM TROOPS.

Mr. Rattledge, Minister for Home Affairs, accused the Blue Shirts, in his reply, of seeking to establish a Dictatorship. He asked what purely political party had a uniform, a quartermaster and issued orders. The Minister quoted a document which said that the Blue Shirts hoped to muster a hundred thousand men, of which fifty thousand would be "inner circle" men. "Storm troops, in other words," he said.

HEADQUARTERS CLOSED.

In the last few days, since Mr. de Valera announced that the ban on the Blue Shirts would be enforced, the Morrison Square headquarters of the United Ireland Party have been seized and the party's printers have been forbidden to print any further literature under pain of prosecution. The premises of the Young Ireland organisation have been forcibly closed, while Commandant Cronin, the Secretary, has been arrested in County Donegal and is to appear before a military tribunal for wearing a blue shirt.

O'DUFFY'S PLANS.

General O'Duffy defied the ban by wearing a blue shirt, but slipped through a police cordon and is believed to have crossed the border into Ulster territory. It is stated, however, that after he has arranged his affairs in Northern Ireland, he will return to the Free State and allow himself to be arrested. It is reported that the United Ireland Party have decided to institute proceedings against the Dublin police for closing their headquarters.—*Reuter.*

Tang Yu-lin, aged 5, was fatally injured when he fell out of a window while playing on the second floor of 284, Lockhart Road, yesterday. He died after being admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

RAGING GALE IN CHANNEL

WORST WEATHER OF WINTER

VIOLENT SEAS

London, Dec. 13.
The fiercest gale of the winter swept along the British coasts to-day and was particularly severe in the English Channel.

Some of the cross-Channel boats were diverted from Dover to Calais and all sailings were curtailed. Those venturing the crossing experienced the roughest weather this winter, tossing in raging seas, with great waves breaking over them. Lifeboats around the coasts had many calls and some anxiety was for a time felt for the safety of a large Finnish-owned four-masted barque, *Lawhill*, which left London last week for Australia and will take part in the annual grain race next year.

Off Deal, the *Lawhill* found herself in danger of being hurled ashore. She dropped her anchors and held her position 400 yards off the shore until the Dover tug towed her clear. All cross-Channel cargo services were cancelled. Several fishing boats are overdue.—*British Wireless.*

BIG BLAZE AT POKFULUM

3-STORY BLOCK DESTROYED

Shortly after four o'clock this morning a disastrous fire broke out at No. 9, Pokfulam Road, a short distance beyond the University.

Within a brief period, the flames had enveloped the whole building, one of three storeys, necessitating the turning out of the full fire-fighting equipment on the island.

The firemen, under the direction of the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent, fought hard to keep the outbreak confined to the building in which it originated, and, within an hour, were able to gain control, but not before the building was almost burnt out. No. 7, adjoining, was partially damaged. The inmates escaped in time, and no casualties occurred.

The ground floor of the premises was occupied by the King Wah haberdashery shop, the stock of which was damaged to the extent of \$2,800. The master of the shop received a bad burn to one of his hands, his being the only injury. There was a delay of a quarter of an hour before water could be obtained through the mains.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS

Q.P.R. TRIUMPH AT NEW BRIGHTON

London, Dec. 13.
Queen's Park Rangers atoned handsomely for their failure to defeat New Brighton at Loftus Road on Saturday in the second round of the F.A. Cup.

In the replay at New Brighton to-day, the Southerners proved their superiority in convincing fashion, winning by four goals to nil. The other replay to-day also resulted in a victory for a team which failed at home. Halifax went to Hartlepool and won by two goals to one. Extra time was necessary before they obtained the winning goal.

In the third round, Q.P.R. Rangers are away to Notts. Forest and Halifax visit Bolton Wanderers.—*Reuter.*

Amongst the passengers who arrived from Hong Kong by the *a.s. Naldora* to-day was Mrs. Jacks, wife of Mr. Philip Jacks, Land Officer, who is accompanied by her daughter.



Much interest was centred yesterday in the double wedding in which the respective couples were Mr. Pung Ping and Miss Lee (left), and Mr. Pung Ping and Miss Lee (right). All are members of known local Chinese families. (Photo: Ming Yuen.)

LEAGUE POLICE FORCE

MR. EDEN SCORNS PROJECT

BRIEF DEBATE IN COMMONS

London, Dec. 14.
The efficacy of the Shanghai Defence Force, composed of seven nationalities, was among the arguments cited in the House of Commons last night in support of proposals for an international police force.

The debate was initiated by Mr. G. le Mander, the Liberal member for East Wolverhampton. Mr. le Mander moved that the British Government press for the formation of such a force under the League of Nations and argued the practicability of the scheme at some length.

Support came from both sides of the House, the principal speakers in favour being Brigadier General E. L. Spears (Cons.), and Major C. R. Attlee (Lab. Stepping, Limehouse).

EDEN SCOUTS PLAN.

The motion was, however, dropped after a reply by Captain Anthony Eden, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who contended that the suggestion was impracticable and scorned the idea of an international police force being allowed to use bombing. Captain Eden asserted that personally he would not feel much happier in smithereens as the result of an international bomb than a national bomb.—*Reuter.*

FINE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone is centred over South Manchuria, and covers China and Japan. Local Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

A strange error committed at his meal has resulted in the admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital at Yaumatei of Chan Yau, 20, living at 83, Temple Street. Mistaking Joy's fluid for soy sauce, he poured a quantity on his food, and had taken it before he discovered the difference.

LAHORE TERRORIST TRIAL

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON TWO BROTHERS

Lahore, Dec. 13.
The trial of twenty-one men, accused of an attempt to blow up the Viceregal train four years ago has concluded.

The defendants were arraigned on a whole series of additional indictments, including conspiracy in the organisation of bomb explosions in the Punjab in 1930 and other conspiratorial activities.

Two brothers, held to be the prime movers in the terrorist organisation, were sentenced to death, while three men were sentenced to transportation for life. Eleven men were given varying terms of imprisonment. Five were acquitted.—*Reuter.*

MERGER AGREEMENT IN SIGHT

FINANCIAL AID FROM GOVT.

London, Dec. 13.
Financial assistance from the Government to enable the early completion of the partially built giant Cunarder was definitely promised by the Chancellor of Exchequer to-day.

Questioned as to the progress of the negotiations between the Cunard and White Star Lines concerning the merger, Mr. Chamberlain replied, "I am glad to say those difficult and complicated negotiations, conducted with great goodwill on all sides, have reached the stage at which the Government feels justified in assuming that an effective merger of the North Atlantic fleets of the Cunard and White Star Lines will become an accomplished fact at an early date. It is the intention of the Government, in that event, shortly to lay before the House, proposals for furnishing the necessary financial facilities for the completion of the new Cunard Liner known as number 634."

ANSWERING further questions, the Chancellor said that not only would these proposals have to come before the House, but the consent of the secured creditors in both cases would have to be obtained. As everyone was anxious to get on with the work he believed there would be no undue delay.—*British Wireless.*

LARGE IMPORTS OF LIQUOR

American Authorisation Given

Washington, Dec. 13.
Permits to import over 5,600,000 gallons of liquor during the next four months have been given by the Federal Alcohol Control Administration. The allotments cover spirits, wines, beers and other beverages and include 36,000 gallons from China.—*Reuter.*

NO PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS

ON LONDON-PARIS WEEK-END TRIPS

London, Dec. 13.
In the House of Commons, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the French Government, in response to an enquiry, had been informed that the British Government were glad to enter into an arrangement by which British and French holders of week-end tickets will be allowed to continue their journey to Paris and London respectively without passports.—*British Wireless.*

RADIO TALK FROM INDIA

FIRST RECEPTION IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 13.
The first wireless programme from India was sent to England to-day and radiated over the Empire Service of the Broadcasting Corporation. The programme was opened by a short speech by Lord Brabourne, who five days ago took over the Governorship of Bombay.—*British Wireless.*



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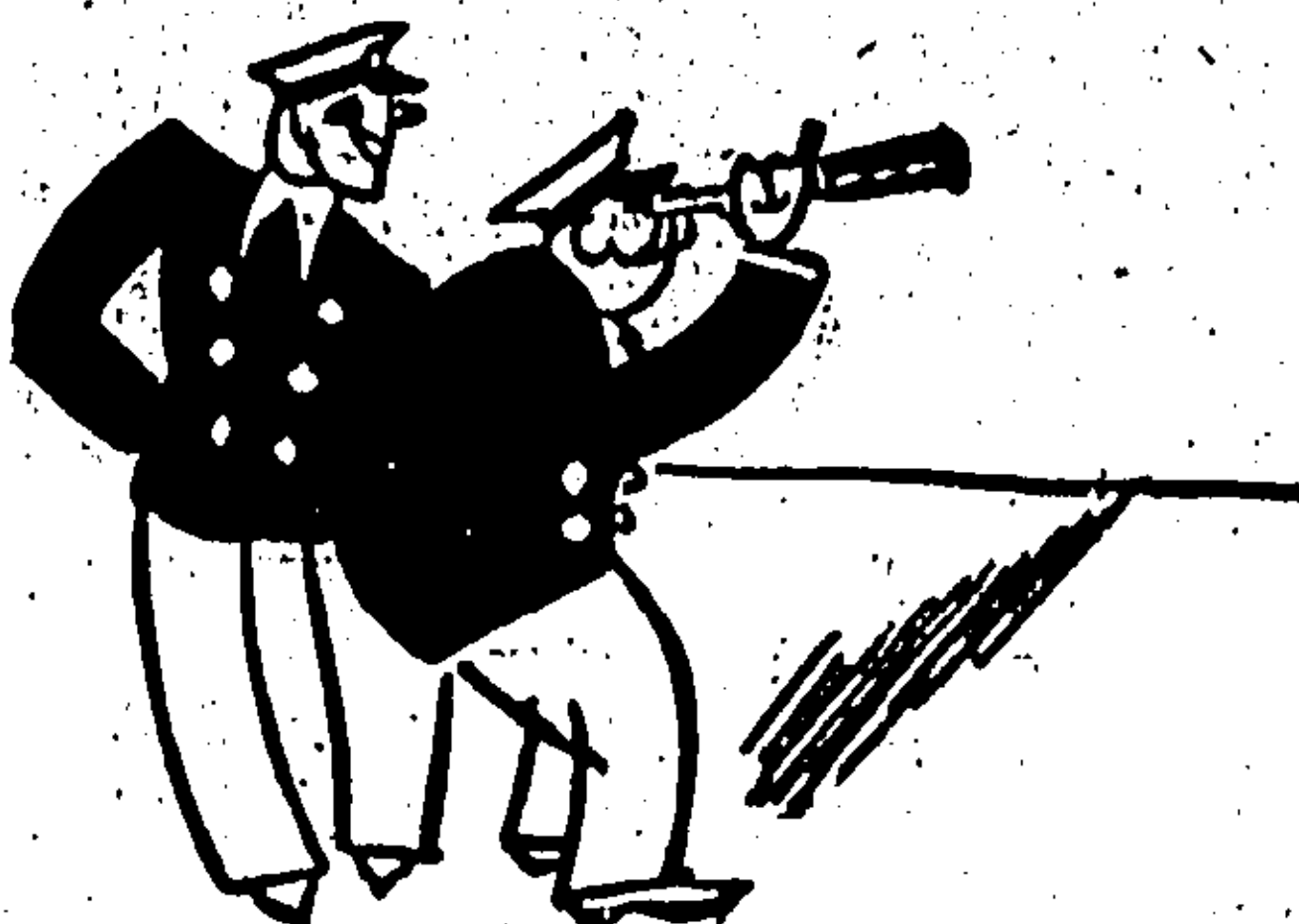
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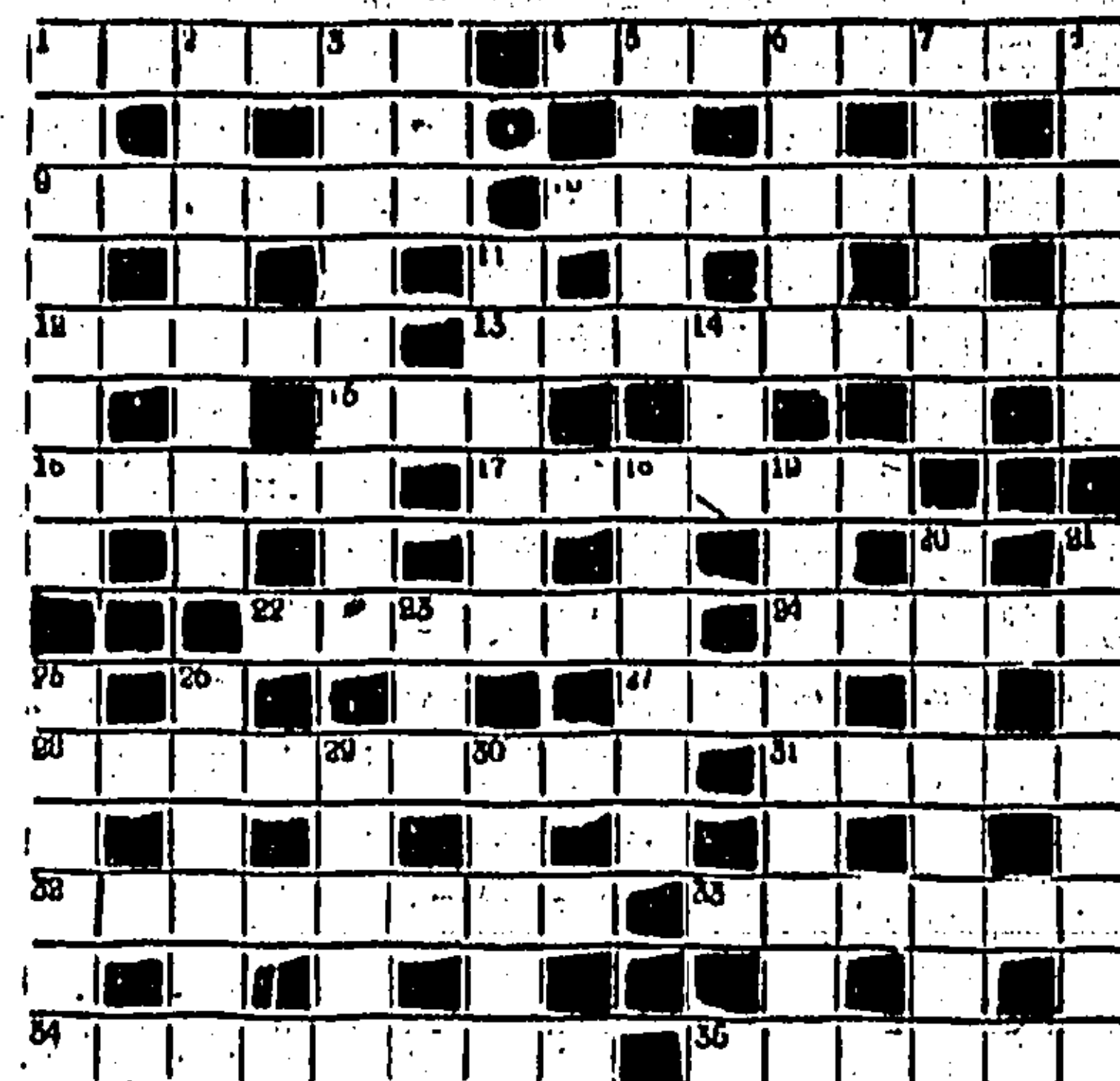
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 - Knot.
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 - It pays to bring it to the mill.
 - Less calm than formerly.
 - Like an animal.
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 - Scamper.
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- A horse, not two.
 - The first name of a famous old master.
 - When this, a tyre covers more ground.
 - Extra as known to the painter.
 - So described, an agreement is rather non-committal.
 - A siren got up to lead one astray.
- 8** These garments are rather theatrical in appearance, don't you think?
11 Directa cattle.
14 The goddess who helps to make one desolate.
18 This bit moves in its own circle.
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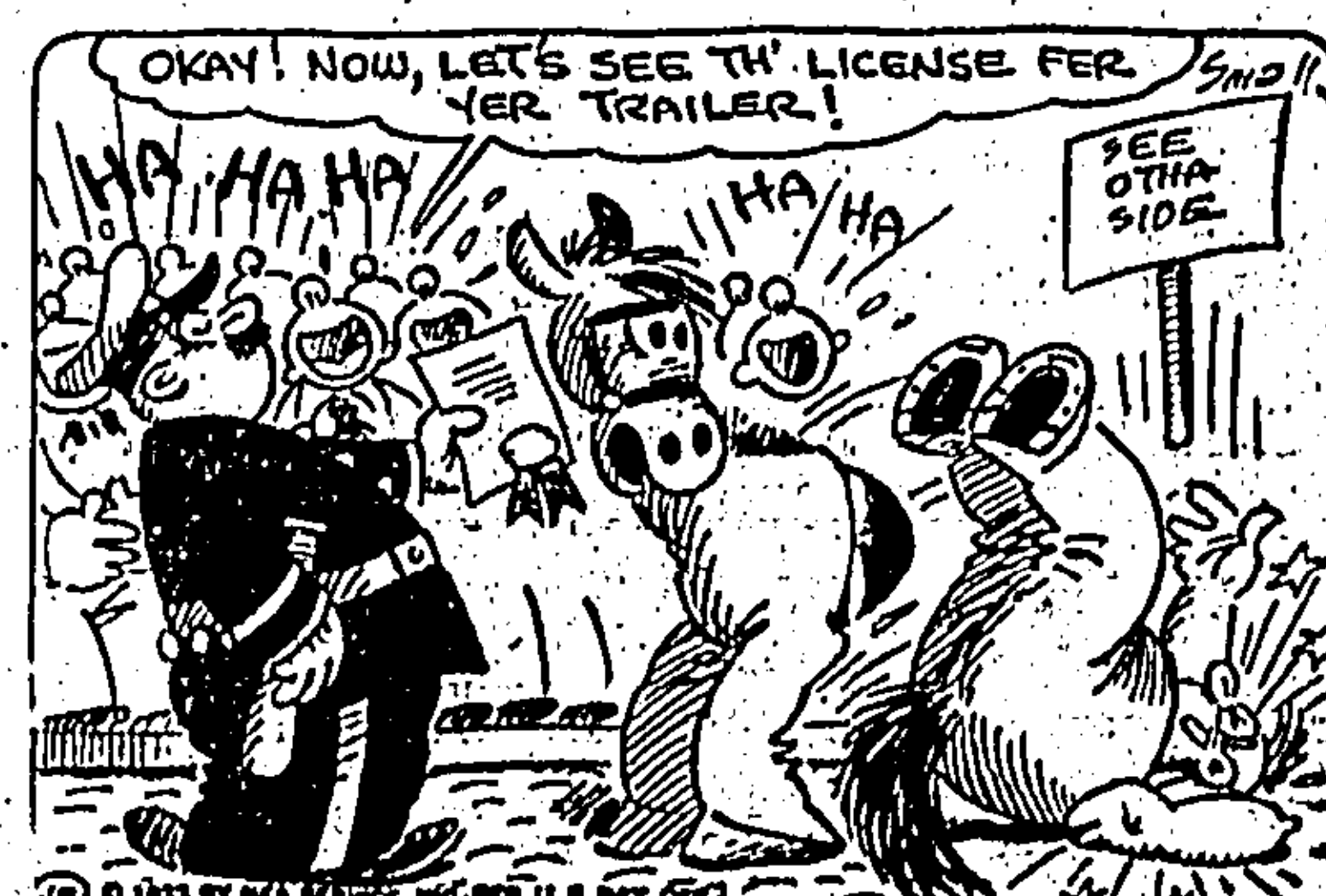
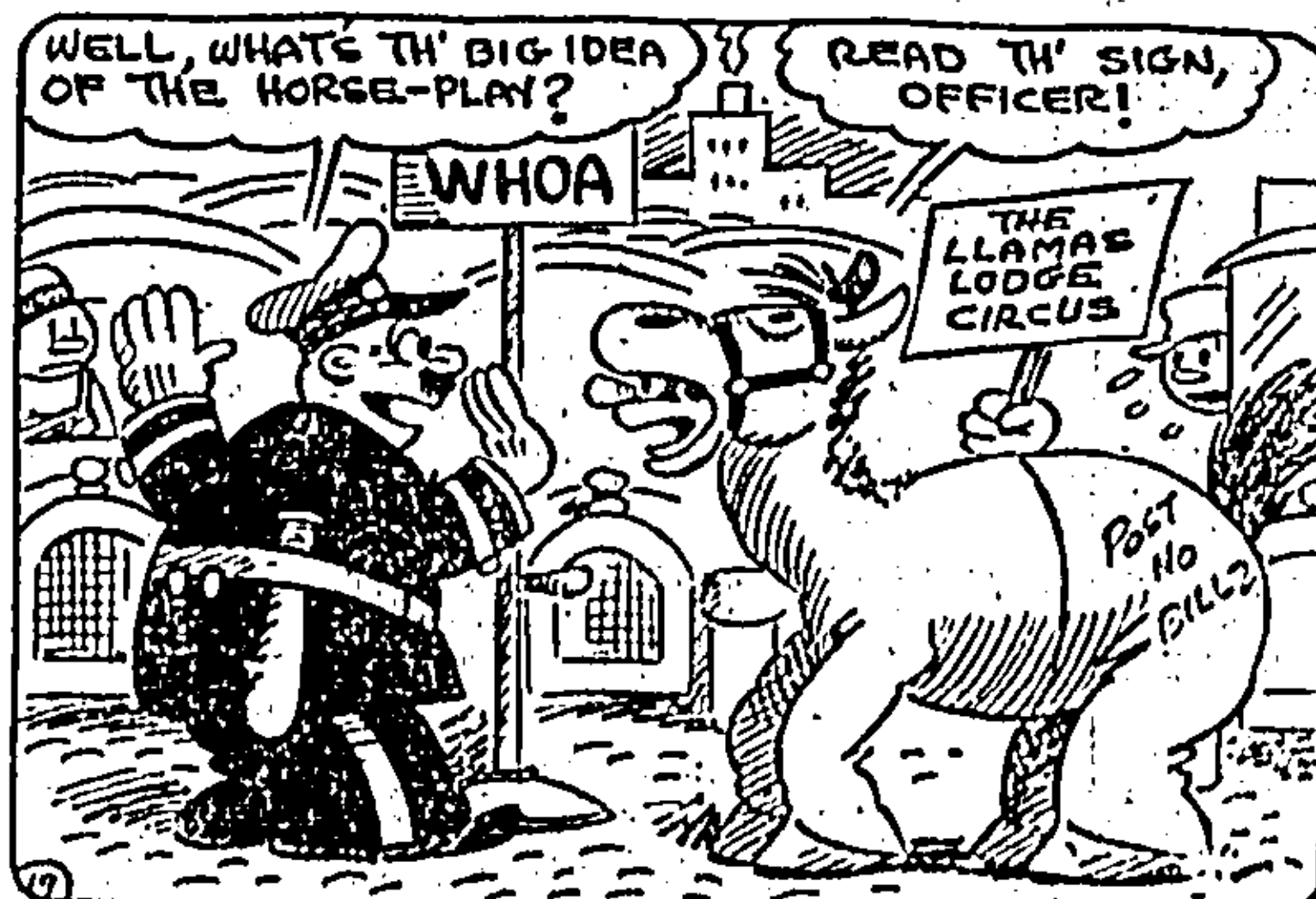
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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

Who killed TRACY KING, orchestra leader found dead in his apartment? DAVID BANNISTER, author, former newspaper reporter, undertakes to find out. Police are searching for an "unknown blonde" who visited King shortly before his death. Bannister has seen this girl, but she has disappeared since.

HERMAN BURLACH, who wrote King a threatening letter, is in jail. He declares his innocence. Bannister works on the case with J. RANDOLPH GAINES, star reporter of the Post. In the dead man's apartment Bannister picks up an out-of-fashion wedding picture which he keeps.

AL DIUGAN, friend of King's, says the orchestra leader has been having trouble with JOE PARKETT, his former vaudeville partner, and accuses Parkett of the murder. Bannister tells CAPTAIN McNEAL, of the detective bureau, about a quarrel between King and MELVINA HOLLISTER, middle-aged spinster, after King's cat killed her canary. McNEAL decides to investigate.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER XVIII

McNeal parked the police car and climbed out, following Bannister. Half-way to the entrance of the Shelby Arms, the door opened. A group of young people—three men and two girls—appeared. They were laughing and talking rather noisily. The girls were evening wraps over bright dresses. One of the men had on a top hat.

As Bannister and McNeal passed them the girl in the fur jacket was singing the words of a popular song.

McNeal snorted. "A lot of difference it makes to them that a man was murdered here last night!"

"No," said Bannister soberly. "I don't suppose it does." They went inside the hotel. The entrance looked almost exactly as it had that afternoon. The same girl sat at the switchboard. Link, the clerk, was speaking over a telephone. He put down the instrument as they approached.

"Good evening, Captain McNeal," he said with elaborate cordiality. "Good evening! Is there anything—"

McNeal interrupted, explaining briefly why they had come. A few moments later he and Bannister stood before a doorway in the second floor corridor.

McNeal knocked but there was no answer. He knocked a second time, louder. A third knock and the captain began to fume impatiently. "They're there!" he scolded. "Link said so. I'll—"

The words died as they heard a bolt turned in the door. Then the door opened inward slowly. Through a slit of not more than two inches a voice asked sharply, "Who is it?"

McNeal's answer was prompt and impressive. There was a moment of delay. Then the door opened wider. Through the opening a woman peered out at them. Evidently she was satisfied or concluded it would be best to comply with McNeal's request, for she stepped back and said in the same sharp tone, "You can come in."

There was a single lamp in the room, a reading lamp of rather old-

fashioned design. Beneath the beaded fringe of the lamp shade a bright glow fell in a circle six or seven feet across. Beyond this circle the room was almost in darkness.

It took an instant for Bannister's eyes to accustom themselves to the dim light. Then he saw that the woman before them was tall and rather squarely built. Pale eyes measured the two men from head to foot. The woman's hair was worn pompadour fashion and fastened high on her head in a style of 25 years before. She had a large nose, dominating the slender face, and her thin lips were drawn into a straight line. Her dress was of dark silk, high at the neck, with a lace collar about the throat. Over her shoulders was drawn a small knitted jacket. She was an impressive figure and at the same time a forbidding one.

"You're Captain McNeal?" the woman asked, and the captain nodded.

The pale eyes darted toward Bannister. "Then who's he?" she demanded.

For an instant McNeal looked perplexed. Then he said shortly, "Friend of mine. We'd like to talk to you a few moments, Miss Hollister. I suppose we can sit down?"

She motioned toward chairs, sat

down rather heavily in the nearest, her odd, high-pitched voice went on sharply. "What'd you come here for?"

McNeal looked nettled. He was accustomed to doing the questioning himself. "We came," he said crisply, "to find out what you can tell us about Tracy King, the young man who was murdered upstairs."

"Oh!" The line of Miss Hollister's lips became straighter than ever. There was a pause—a moment oddly tense—and then she went on. "I can tell you," she said, "that Tracy King was an evil man. He indulged in strong drink. He was sinful and dissipated. At night when decent folks were asleep in their beds he engaged in carrying-on I'd be ashamed to mention. His moral character—"

"Just a minute," McNeal interrupted. "How are you so sure of all this?"

Miss Hollister eyed him disdainfully. "My brother and I have lived in this hotel since the building was opened," she said. "We're respectable, law-abiding folks. The manager of the building can tell you we aren't complainers either. But during the last four months, since that good-for-nothing Tracy King moved into the apartment above, this place has been bedlam! Bedlam!" she repeated emphatically. "Not a minute's sleep at

night. Horn-toting and radios and jazz dancing at all hours! Wild parties. I guess I know! I've got cars, haven't I? I've got eyes. Ask me how I know a thing like that!"

From the inflection of her voice it seemed that Captain McNeal should have witted instantly. But Captain McNeal did not wuit.

"So his parties disturbed you, did they?" he said evenly. "Did you ever speak to him about it?"

The pale eyes flashed. "I certainly did," Miss Hollister said. "For a night or two it was quiet. Then—the same thing over again! What did Tracy King care how decent, respectable folks lost their sleep? He was an evil man, I tell you. It's the devil's work he was doing and the devil who came for him—"

There was a slight noise behind them and Bannister turned. The door into the next room had opened and a man stood on the threshold. He was under average height—a little man with thinning gray hair and mild eyes behind spectacles. He wore a dark woollen house-jacket. For an instant he stood there, eyeing the group in some perplexity.

Before the new-comer could speak, Melvina had seen him. She turned sharply. "Matthew," she said, "you keep out of this!"

"Oh!" said the little man. "I didn't know—I was just wondering—"

He turned to withdraw, the words unfinished, but McNeal stopped him.

"Just a minute!" the captain called. "You're Miss Hollister's brother, aren't you? I want to see you."

The man looked back doubtfully. "Me? he asked. "You want to see me?"

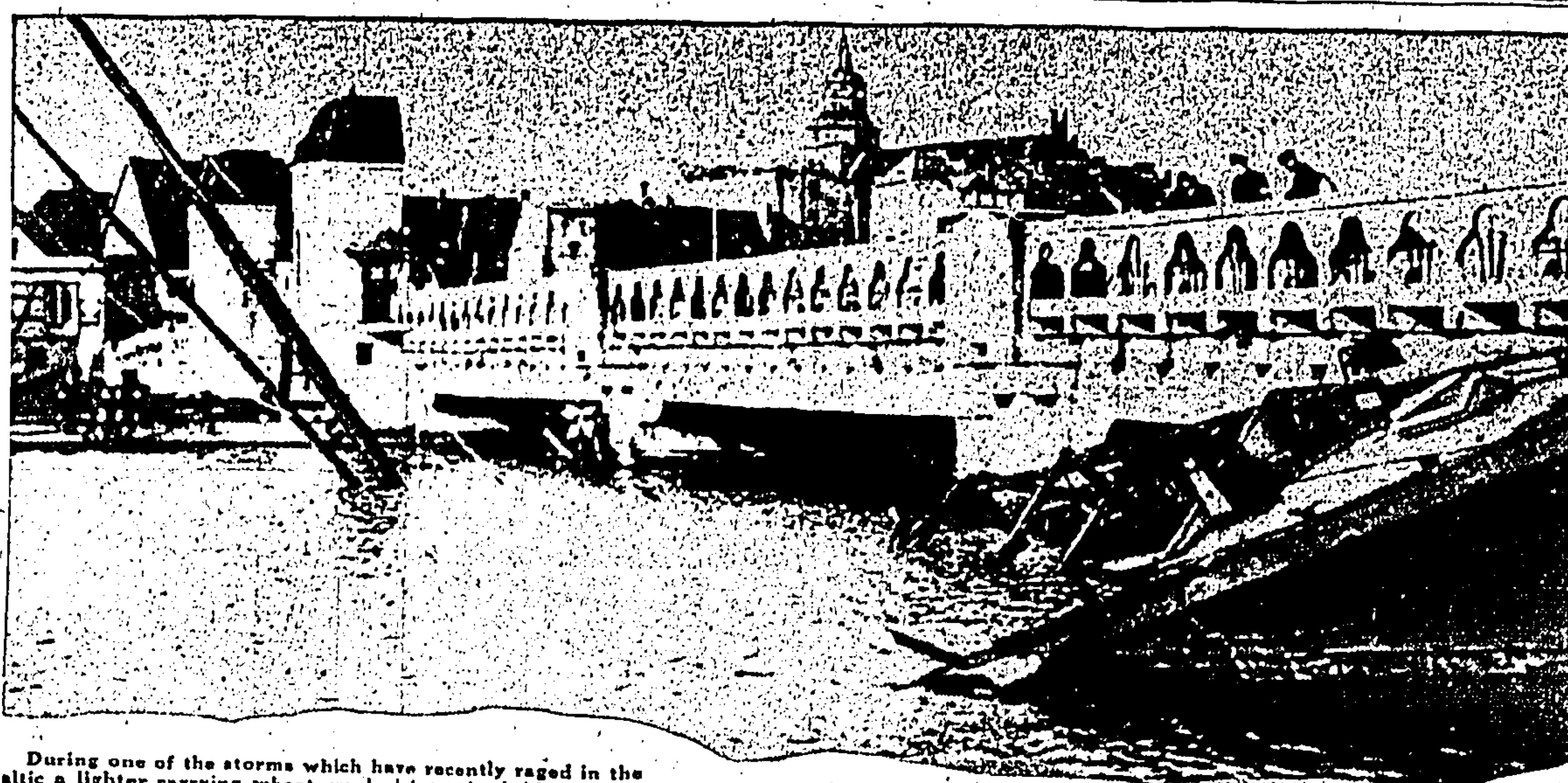
"There's no reason to talk to Matthew!" Melvina Hollister put in. "He doesn't know anything about all this. There's no reason at all—"

"Excuse me, Miss Hollister," McNeal interrupted. "I'll ask my own questions, if you don't mind. And I came here to see your brother as well as you."

Matthew Hollister came into his room. The flop-flop of his house slippers sounded monotonously and his eyes, resting on McNeal, seemed reproachful.

"They're policemen," Miss Hollister explained rather inaccurately. "They're here to ask about the man who was killed last night."

McNeal's mounting annoyance showed in his tone. "Mr. Hollister," he said, "I'm Captain McNeal and this is Mr. Bannister. We're from headquarters and I've been trying to find out from your sister what she knows about the shooting last night. So far I haven't learned much. Sit down, won't you? I'd like to hear your (Continued on Page 10.)



During one of the storms which have recently raged in the Baltic a lighter carrying wheat crashed into the bridge at the entrance to the port of Wellin, completely blocking it. Photo shows the partly submerged wreck.



A body of Italian Fascist machine-gunners carrying their weapons on their backs, a new method for the weapon, in a big review in Rome.



Prince George pulling the rope to unfurl the flag from the disused mast of the Royal yacht Britannia, which the King gave to Royal Alfred Home for Aged Merchant Seamen at Baldevore, Kent.



Mr. Frank Aiken, Irish Free State Minister of Defence, congratulating newly commissioned lieutenants in the Free State Army.



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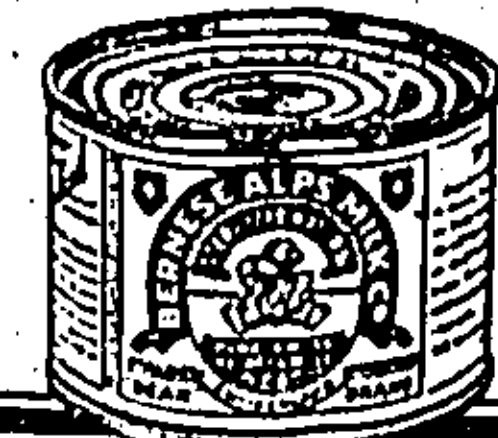
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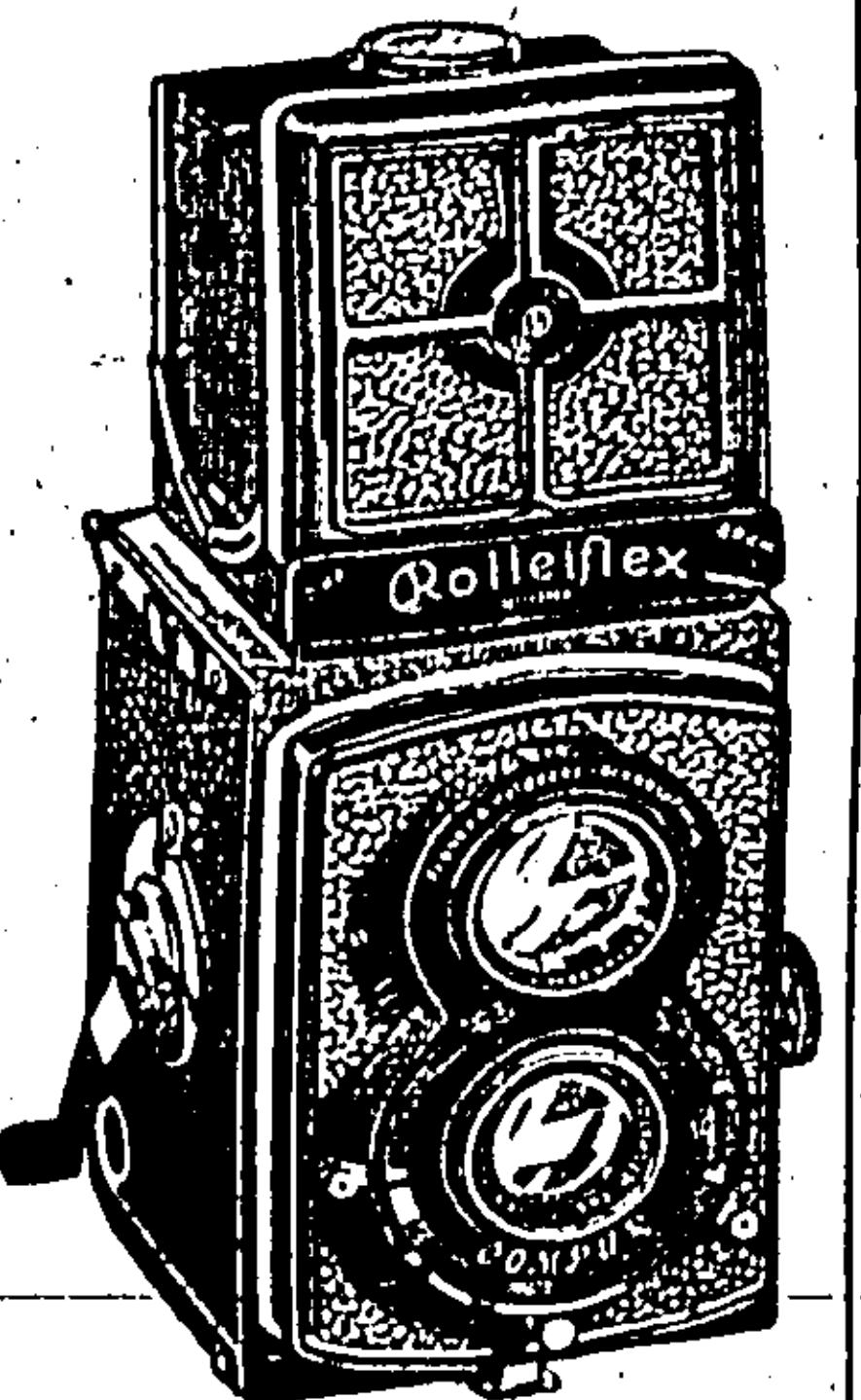
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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1933.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (by kind permission) on Tuesday, 19th December, 1933, at 5.15 p.m.

J. T. BAGRAM,
for Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 19th December, 1933.

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Japan.	Dinner Vite	December 14.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	December 14.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 10th November— and Parcels, 8th November.	Naldora	December 14.
Shanghai and Amoy	Szechuan	December 14.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang- hai (Seattle, 26th November)	Pres. Jefferson	December 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Ranchi	December 15.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 15.
Japan	Hakodate Maru	December 17.
Straits	Kutsang	December 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Oreates	December 18.
Shanghai	Porthos	December 18.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	December 18.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Thursday.		
Manila	City of Evansville	Thurs., Dec. 14, 2 p.m.
Bangkok	Gustav Diederichsen	Thurs., Dec. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Thurs., Dec. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Con- tinent and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Conte Rosso	Thurs., Dec. 14. (Due Brindisi, 4th January, 1934).
Reg., Dec. 14, 3 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 14, 3.15 p.m.	
Letters, Dec. 14, 3 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 14, 4 p.m.	
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 14, 3 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kamo Maru	Thurs., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Shirata	Thurs., Dec. 14, 5 p.m.
Friday.		
Shanghai and Japan	Naldora	Fri., Dec. 15, 10.50 a.m.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	Kingyuan	Fri., Dec. 15, Noon.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Dec. 15, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Dec. 15, 3 p.m.
Saturday.		
Letters for "Bandong—Amsterdam Ranchi Air Mail Service"		Sat., Dec. 16.
Reg., Dec. 15, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.	
Letters, Dec. 15, 4.30 p.m.	Letters, Dec. 16, 9 a.m.	
Amoy	Taming	Sat., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Ranchi East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	K. P. O.	Sat., Dec. 16. (Due Marseilles 19th Jan. 1934).
Reg., Dec. 15, 4.30 p.m.	Reg., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.	
Letters, Dec. 16, 9 a.m.	Reg., Dec. 16, 9.45 a.m.	
Manila	Procs. Jefferson	Sat., Dec. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Hopsang	Sat., Dec. 16, 5 p.m.
Sunday.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun., Dec. 17, 9 a.m.
Monday.		
Shanghai	Porthos	Mon., Dec. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anshan	Mon., Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
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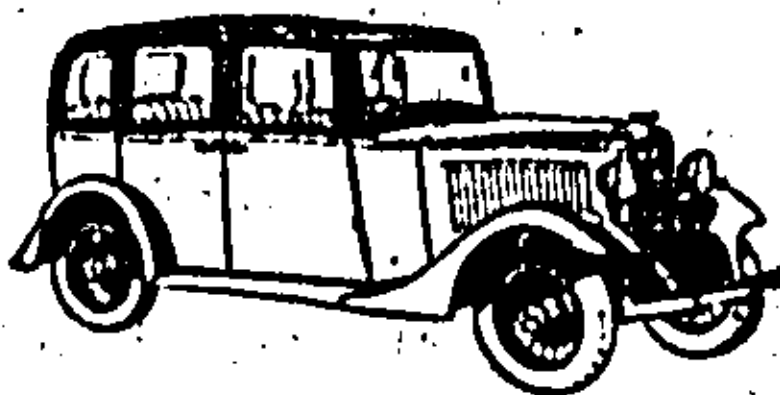
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C. W. WANG, M.D., Ch.B. (Edin.)
Hankow, 14th December, 1933.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1933.

BRITAIN TURNING THE CORNER

Claims made by British Government leaders that trade and financial conditions in the Old Country are slowly but surely improving are receiving endorsement in circles conversant with the facts. A point made by the Chairman of the British Overseas Bank, in this connexion, is worth remembering, namely, that the forces behind the upward trend—must be much greater than can be measured by the actual recovery so far shown. The presumption is that the future will witness an increasingly growing impetus in the right direction. Trade and Treasury returns alike are most encouraging. There is a steady and definite increase in British exports, while the country's revenue continues to improve and expenditure shows a downward trend. The full flood of prosperity will not, of course, set in until there is some real co-operative effort between the nations of the world to remove those obstacles which stand in the way of a general revival of trade. It is essential that the problem be tackled along these lines if any widespread impression is to be made. At the same time, Britain has shown to the world what can be done by unremitting concentration on her own problems. She has succeeded in placing the finances of the country on a basis which has won for her the proud position of being the most financially sound nation in the world to-day. Her business men, also, have contributed their share to the realisation of a better state of affairs, demonstrating once again, as they have in many past crises, that the spirit of adaptability and of perseverance in the face of almost overwhelming odds is not dead. Coupled with these factors is the determination of the Government to see that Britain gets a square deal in competing with other nations. All in all, there is good reason to be gratified at the turn of events. Persistence in present policies, aided by the British reputation for high standards of manufacture, good value for money, and honest methods in marketing, must in the long run win back much of the trade which has been lost as a result of the world depression and other untoward circumstances.

NOTES OF THE DAY

SECRET DIPLOMACY

The official statement by Sir John Simon on the nature of the disarmament negotiations contained nothing, as usual. The most important phrase was that it would not be in the public interest to make any disclosure concerning the nature and trend at present. It is known, however, that the British Foreign Secretary placed his greatest hope in successful direct negotiations between Germany and France and that he has been disappointed. And it is known because France is refusing to persist in methods of secret diplomacy.

LORD CECIL'S CRITICISM

The leading peace protagonists are not, however, taking this diplomatic reversion to type lying down. Lord Cecil and Sir Austen Chamberlain have recently had some difference of opinion over "secret" and "open" diplomacy. Lord Cecil deplores the tendency to return to the old methods. Sir Austen replies that the secret diplomacy which is to be condemned is that which involves a nation in engagements of which it has no knowledge; that private conversations between statesmen must take place if matters are to be freely discussed and unnecessary public provocation avoided. But Lord Cecil says that it is not only secret pledges which are objectionable, but also secret negotiations. He insists that prolonged consultations among politicians who attempt to settle matters in dispute in an atmosphere often polluted by gossip and false rumour, tend to stereotype differences and harden obstinacy.

PROPER PROCEDURE

It is conceivable that Lord Cecil presses his case, which in the main is sound, too far. He underestimates the value of informal discussions in smoothing away minor difficulties which would only be magnified by public discussion. There are also preliminary matters which ought to be fully threshed out by experts in anticipation of public discussion, as the history of every international conference has shown. The public has seen also how much good will may be created by personal talks between statesmen, as between Mr. MacDonald and President Hoover and Roosevelt. These last cases serve to show exactly the proper procedure as between secret and open diplomacy. Many matters can, and ought to be, discussed freely and informally behind closed doors; but the results should be communicated at once to the public to forestall gossip or hostile criticism.

GENEVA ERRORS

In the disarmament field, however, Lord Cecil is on very strong ground. There is no doubt that the prolonged private discussions at Geneva on the British draft disarmament convention did much to provoke Germany's abrupt withdrawal. A strong conviction grew up that the whole purpose of the long talks was the discovery of a formula by which Germany's claims could be set on one side without causing an explosion. Even with that experience, the same process is being applied, in the hope of producing a remedy for the damage done. In the spirit recommended by Sir John Simon, M. Poncet has interviewed Herr Hitler, at once to find the impossible asked.

The problem of the best method of approach to Germany still has to be settled.

LEAGUE REORGANISATION

No astonishment would be provoked if the solution were found in Italy's peremptory demand for the reform of the League. No definite proposals have been put forward, but the greatest interest has been aroused by the ascent of the trial balloon. All Europe is talking it over and Japan and the United States are showing a close, if cautious interest. A reorganised League with all the great Powers active members might well provide a new spirit and a fresh start in international relationships.

THE AMERICAN SCENE

The Great Experiment in the United States gains in interest almost hourly. President Roosevelt is losing many of the men who started out with him on his adventure into the realms of the New Finance, but nevertheless finds no difficulty in finding substitutes. Warning has now been given of large-scale inflation. True, the claim is advanced that the new money will have an adequate gold cover—but that has no important meaning when attached to the American economic structure. Apparently, the new money is to be issued as loans become more numerous. What the end of it all will be beyond estimation. An enormous pyramid of new internal indebtedness is being built up with unprecedented rapidity—and the results, so far, have been negligible.

SINO-JAPANESE RAPPROCHEMENT?

By H. G. W. Woodhead in "Oriental Affairs"

The Chinese political situation has been dominated for the past month, and indeed for a considerably longer period, by the question of Sino-Japanese relations. Advantage was undoubtedly taken of the absence of Dr. Lo Wen-kan in Sinking and of Mr. T. V. Soong in Europe and America, to initiate informal discussions behind the scenes for effecting a Sino-Japanese rapprochement. Dr. Lo either from conviction or apprehension of public hostility was opposed to such overtures. Mr. T. V. Soong was openly opposed to rapprochement and would not land in Japan when passing through.

The Japanese drive to improve relations has, however, intensified. Mr. Chang Tso-pin, Chinese Minister, who left Tokyo in March ostensibly on sick leave, but actually as an indirect protest against the Jehol operations, returned to his post in October, and admitted, in an interview, that Chiang Kai-shek was making an effort to break the diplomatic deadlock.

About the same time, Dr. Sugimura, disclaiming any official mission, travelled extensively in China, being received, among important leaders, by General Yu Hsueh-chung at Tientsin, Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Nanking and General Chan Chai-tong in Canton.

On the eve of his departure from Hongkong for Formosa, en route to Tokyo, he declared that there had been a friendly atmosphere about all his discussions with the Canton authorities, that as a result of his seventy days' visit to China his general impression was that relations very much improved during the past six months, and that he had every confidence that the two countries would come together again very shortly.

On October 17, Mr. Ariyoshi, the Japanese Minister to China, accompanied by Mr. Suma, First Secretary of the Legation, left Shanghai for Peking, where he remained for over a month, having frequent interviews with Chinese officials in the Capital. While he was there General Okamura, Vice-Chief of Staff of the Kwangtung Army, appeared on the scene, to negotiate a settlement of certain frontier questions, including through railway transport, exchange of mails, etc. Before leaving he announced that an agreement in principle had been reached. Nanking, apparently considered that negotiations were going too quickly, and applied the brake to Mr. Huang Fu, but it is generally expected that a settlement of these questions will be reached in the near future. It will bring enormous relief to Chinese within and outside the Great Wall if it is as they suffer intolerable inconvenience from the suspension of mail services between China and Manchukuo. Foreigners, also, would welcome the restoration of the direct route for the transmission of outgoing and incoming Siberian mails.

What has been occurring behind the scenes is generally regarded as one of the causes of Mr. T. V. Soong's resignation. It has also led to Dr. Lo Wen-kan's resignation of the office of Foreign Minister.

The Japanese apparently regard any attempt at opening direct and formal negotiations with the Nan-

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CHRISTMAS HINTS

By Eddle "Santa" Kelly

ALL the local newspapers seem to be full of hints on what to buy for Christmas presents, but we are not interested in this subject. Us, we are only receiving one present, and we will give one in return.

Unless, of course, our Great and Admiring public—

Our present will be from Whalesteeth and the conversation will be something like this:

Whalesteeth will say: "Well, Eddle, old boy, what would you like for Christmas?"

And we will say: "Well, Peté, me boy, if it's all the same to you, we'd prefer the money."

So he will hand us ten bucks and we will then say: "Now that that's fixed, Peté, old pal, what would you like?"

And he will say: "Well, Eddle, if it's all the same to you, I'd like the money, too."

So we will hand him back his ten bucks.

But apart from presents and Christmas cards, we think the newspapers should print the excuses that are bound to be given on Boxing Day.

Something like these:

"Yes, we got your Christmas card, Bill, and—Ha-ha-ha! 'Y'know what? Three days after Christmas I happened to reach into my coat pocket, and there was the card the wife gave me to send to you! Well, of course, it was too late then!"

"You mean, you didn't get ours? Honest? That's funny. I know we sent one. In fact, I remember, quite distinctly that your name was the first on our list. But I guess a lot of cards got lost in the post office, with so many of 'em going through!"

"My dear, I simply must explain how perfectly foolish I was. For the life of me I couldn't remember whether you said you would be at Repulse Bay or Canton for the holidays, and I knew it would be utterly silly to call up and ask, so I just thought I'd wait until the first time after Christmas that I saw and wish you 'A Merry Christmas' in person!"

"Say, Joe, I feel rotten about you sending me a card and not sending you one. But I remembered talking to somebody about not exchanging cards this Christmas, and I was sure it was you. And then, when your card came, I started thinking it over, and, gee whizz, it dawned on me that it was George, and not you. I feel pretty rotten about it, Joe, but I was certain it was you!"

"Well, Tom, the wife and I saved the best card we had for you and the family. And then, when we went to address it, that darned pen of mine spluttered ink all over the envelope. Well, I tore all over town and couldn't find a decent card anywhere. I got one next day, but I knew you wouldn't get it until Wednesday, so—well—I'm sorry, but—"

HOPELESS!

With a great show of determination, the villain picked up a pistol and showing his teeth shot his enemy in the back. . . . determination . . . picked pistol . . . showing . . . shot enemy in . . . teeth . . . the villain . . . showing pistol . . . and picked teeth . . . his back . . . teeth . . . With deter . . . pistol . . . villain . . . showing teeth in . . . back . . . Oh heck, what's the use of trying to read a book in a bus, anyway?

VERBOTEN

Bombs were thrown among a crowd of several thousand at Graz, killing and wounding many. Any jokes about Graz widows will be sternly rejected by us.

HOW IT DEVELOPED

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
As he groped for his sland beneath the bed.
(Unfit for Publication.)

Dear Miss Smith.

Dear Miss Smith.
Dear Mary.
Mary Darling.
Mary, beloved.
My Soulmate.
Darling Wife.
Dear Mary.
Hello, Ma.
Pay to the order of Mrs. Mary S. Doe . . .



"You never look at me any more."

COUNTRY HOME
TRAGEDYCAPTAIN'S JUMP
FROM WINDOW

MAN LOSES WAY

London, Dec. 10.

Full investigations are now being made into the fire yesterday morning which destroyed "The Heronry," the Hampshire country home of Mr. Leander McCormick, and cost the lives of the Duo de la Tremolles, a prominent French cavalry officer, and Captain James Rodney, brother of Lord Rodney.

The former was burnt to death, while the latter died of injuries received when he leaped with his wife from a window.

Mrs. Rodney, formerly Miss Frances Strickland Lovell of Seattle, a celebrated American beauty and writer, is in an extremely critical condition. She was operated on this morning, and there is some hope that she may live.

Neither Mr. McCormick nor his wife, who until her marriage last July was Comtesse de Fleurbaey, is suffering from grave injuries than severe shock. The couple made a hurried exit in their night clothes before the two storey house became a blazing bonfire.

STARTED IN PINK ROOM.

The fire is of mysterious origin, and is believed to have originated from an empty second floor bed chamber called the "Pink Room" apparently due to crossed wires.

It was discovered first by Mrs. McCormick, who was awakened by the smoke of the flames. Rushing from their bedroom the couple raised the alarm. Mrs. McCormick called the French duke to get down by the back stairway, and he replied, but he was never seen again. Most of the guests attempted to reach safety by the staircase, but were turned back by the flames.

With seconds to spare, Captain Rodney smashed a window and with his wife leaped. He landed on frozen ground 20 feet below, but his wife fell on a flower-bed. Despite their injuries, both crawled away on their hands and knees.

Rodney's arms were badly cut by broken glass, and his hands were nearly severed when picked up. He died soon after reaching hospital.

ROPE MADE OF BED SHEETS.

Meanwhile, Frank Jackson, the chauffeur, after telephoning to the fire brigade at Newbury, raced for a ladder. He broke the duke's window but found the room empty, and it was only several hours later that Tremolles' body was recovered.

Apparently the Frenchman took the wrong direction at the landing, being unfamiliar with the house, and was trapped near the adjoining ballroom.

A German maid, Louise Krug, also had a narrow escape. She also attempted to reach safety by the stairway, but was too late due to the incredible speed with which the fire gained ground. She then ran back to her room, and knocking her bed sheets together in the form of a rope, slid down to safety.—*Reuter.*

PERSIA MARCHES
FORWARDBIG RAILWAY ORDER
FOR BRITAIN

London, Dec. 13.

A large order for covered railway vans for the Persian Railway has been secured by the British firm, Metropolitan Cammell Carriage Works and Finance Company. In a leading article, the *Times* today pays a tribute to the evolution of modern Persia, under the vigorous leadership of the Shah, from its previous state of dangerous and turbulent feudalism. Special reference is made to the Shah's campaign against official corruption, which the *Times* says has greatly benefited his humbler subjects.

The newspaper adds that the revival of Persia under the Shah's leadership is welcome to Great Britain, who always desires her to be a strong and independent country.—*British Wireless.*

The annual report of the Hongkong Horticultural Society states that last year the Society had on its membership roll 22 life members and 235 ordinary members, of whom 45 either resigned or left the Society during the year. In their place the Society has acquired 28 new ordinary members, making a total of 218 against 235 in the previous year. The Committee appeal once again to all members to make an endeavour to induce as many of their friends as possible who are interested in gardening, to join the Society.

KENSINGTON'S NOISY
"GHOST TRAIN"Elusive Visitor That
Spoils Sleep

Strong complaints are being made by residents in Kensington about the disturbance of their night's rest by a mysterious noise in the early morning.

The source of the noise has not yet been traced, but from all accounts it appears to be caused by a heavy tractor or lorry loaded with loose metal pipes or rails, or possibly empty milk churns, which humps its way periodically through Kensington at an hour when all good citizens should be asleep.

The last "appearance" of what is popularly known as the Kensington Ghost Train was at about 1 a.m. recently, when, with sundry snorts and rattlings, it crashed along Warwick-gardens at about six miles an hour, bringing distracted householders to their windows muttering curses and imprecations on the disturber of their slumbers.

A committee of Kensington residents is now being formed to track the offender and stimulate the police to action.

Unexpected Arrival.

"The difficulty," explained one of the residents in Warwick-gardens, "is to trace the actual lorry or tractor which makes all the commotion. We never know when it is coming, but it arrives always at a most inconvenient hour."

"Last night I heard it coming when it was about 300 yards away, but by the time I had put on my dressing gown and slippers it had passed the house, and I did not fancy the idea of chasing it up the street."

It is proposed to form a night watch, each member taking his turn at sitting up throughout the night, so that at the Ghost Train's next "appearance" its number may be taken and other evidence collected from residents whose sleep has been disturbed.

RUBBER SHARES

LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have the following cabled quotations Shanghai office:

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
Anglo-Javas	\$5.25	\$4.40
Anglo-Dutch	2.00	2.20
Baku Anams	35	34
Chemora	40	40
Consolidated	1.15	1.00
Repas	38	37
Kroewoeks	38	37
Tanah Merahs	92	91
Tebongs	50	41
Ziangbes	6.00	6.00

R.M.S.P. DEFICIT OF
£11,000,000CAPITAL "REGARDED
AS LOST"

The report of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the year to December 31 last shows a Deficiency Account, consisting of losses on assets and otherwise, of £9,011,362, after deducting the balance of £2,699,605 standing to the credit of the Reserve Account.

This debit balance, which does not include further shrinkage in value of investments, or losses which may mature in relation to guarantees, exceeds the amount of the issued and paid-up Preference and Ordinary capital, amounting to £8,800,000, which, states the Board, "must be regarded as lost."

210,000 SLUM HOUSES TO
BE DEMOLISHED

London, Dec. 10.

The programme of slum clearance which have reached the Ministry of Health show that 210,000 houses, unfit for human habitation, will be demolished without compensation, stated Mr. Hilton Young, the Minister of Health, at West Bromwich to-day.—*Reuter.*

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

ALL THE ELEMENTS, WHOSE AID MAN CALLS IN, WILL SOMETIMES BECOME HIS MASTERS.—*Emerson.*

Mr. G. C. Pelham, J. M. Trade Commissioner, and Mrs. Pelham, have taken up residence at Abernethy Court, May Road.

A movement is afoot to consider the possibility of forming a Cornish Society in Hongkong. Reference to the matter will be found in our advertising columns to-day.

The Leo Theatre has recently been re-decorated and is now equipped with the latest Western Electric sound system, and Simplex projectors supplied by Peacock Motion Picture Co. Inc. The re-opening will take place on Saturday, with the United Artists super-picture "Kid from Spain," starring Eddie Cantor and Lydia Roberti.

FUKIEN AND
CANTONAWAITING PEACE
PARLEY RESULTKWANGTUNG MAY
BE ATTACKED

Fuchow, Dec. 14.

War preparations by the Nineteenth Route Army continue. General Tsai Ting-kai visited Changchow yesterday and reviewed the Fourth Army. In the afternoon he reviewed other forces at Chingnan.

It is understood that he will visit Lungyen, in southern Fukien, during the week-end. The visit will be significant because Lungyen is near the Kwangtung frontier. The activities in southern Fukien suggest that the rebel Government is loosely interested in developments in Kwangtung.

Yesterday Nanking aeroplanes flew over Chuanchow on an observation trip, but no bombardment occurred. The visit nevertheless increased the nervousness of the residents at Chuanchow.

The Revolutionary Government is patiently waiting to learn the results of the "parley" discussions between Nanking and Canton at Canton. Observe believe that if the discussion results in a new Nanking-Canton alliance, the Fukienites may attack Kwangtung.

Meanwhile confidence is felt that Nanking will take no action before the Fourth Plenary Session meets on December 20, hence hostilities are not expected until after Christmas.

HUGE RAILWAY ORDER

£8,400,000 TO BE SPENT ON
REPLACEMENTS

London, Dec. 13.

Announcement of an £8,400,000 replacement and improvement programme for 1934 by the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company follows the constantly improving traffic returns of British Railways in recent months and is a further indication of increasing confidence.

The Company proposes to order construction of 232 locomotives, 169 locomotive boilers, 1,074 carriages, 5,365 waggons and 8,000 tons of steel rails to renew 600 miles of permanent way.

This follows recent orders for 2,000 freight waggons specially designed for new high speed goods services and 100 new locomotives. Since its formation in 1923, the company will have spent £100,000,000 or the equivalent of a quarter of the issued capital on replacement and improvements. These include 2,500 locomotives, 129,500 waggons and 1,000,000 tons of rails.

As part of the increased efficiency programme, the types of locomotives in the company's service have been reduced from 393 to 204, while the number of super-heated engines has been increased by 2,000, or more than doubled. The London North Eastern Railway has placed orders for 8,480 tons of cast iron permanent way chairs.—*British Wireless.*

YANGTSE TRAGEDY

FORTY DROWNED AS SHIPS
COLLIDE

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

More than 40 lives were lost in the Yangtze River near Wusueh early yesterday morning when a small Chinese steamer carrying troops and passengers collided with the Wan Hsiang of the San Peh Steamship Company.

The small steamer sank almost immediately. It is estimated that 100 persons were aboard at the time, and of these, approximately 60 were rescued by the crew of Wan Hsiang.

Only slight damage was done to Wan Hsiang and no lives aboard her were lost.—*Reuter.*

SINO-JAPANESE
RAPPROCHEMENT?

(Continued from Page 6.)

rapprochement, but most members of the Government would not be sorry to see it brought about, if they could escape the personal odium attaching to those responsible for engineering it.

An overwhelming majority of foreigners in China would be relieved to see a Sino-Japanese rapprochement, not because they hold pro- or anti-Chinese or Japanese views but because the continuous hostility between the two peoples is a source of serious embarrassment to them. Many of them have business and social relations with both nationalities.

Many questions which present difficulties to trade and industry in China can only be solved satisfactorily by cooperation between Chinese, Japanese, and other foreigners. As long as the Sino-Japanese feud simmers, however, such cooperation is out of the question, and any non-Japanese foreigner who suggests it is likely to fall between two stools, by arousing suspicion and antagonism in both camps. Both parties are at present in such a hypersensitive frame of mind that they are inclined to take the view that anyone who is not for them is against them. Yet the wheels of commerce have to continue to revolve, and the average business man cannot govern all his actions by considerations whether this or that transaction or utterance will give offence to Chinese or to Japanese. If, as it must frankly be admitted, the mere recognition of Manchukuo by the Chinese Government is out of the question in the present state of national feeling, that is not a sufficient reason for burying one's head in the sand and refusing to face facts. Sooner or later the Chinese and the Japanese must evolve some understanding by which they can live peacefully side by side, and trade with each other. They may do so on a basis of international cooperation, or on the lines of a Pan-Asian movement.

The former must naturally command itself to the other foreign communities in the Far East, who therefore view with no little misgiving the ease with which public feeling in both nations can be inflamed on the basis of real or imaginary grievances, against other nations. Even the settlement of so-called local issues in the North would in large measure restore confidence in the stability and future prosperity of China, and thus produce beneficial results both for China herself and for all foreign interests in this country.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 12	Dec. 13
Paris	83.19/32	83.31/32
Geneva	16.02	16.08
Berlin	13.72	13.74
Helsingfors	22 1/2	22 1/2
Oso	19.90	19.90
Athens	582 1/2	582 1/2
Milan	62 1/2	62 1/2
Buenos Aires	35 1/2	35 1/2
Shanghai	1/3 1/2	1/3 1/2
New York	5.07 1/2	5.03 1/2
Amsterdam	8.13 1/2	8.17
Vienna	30	30
Pague	110 1/2	110 1/2
Madrid	40.1/16	40.5/16
Bucharest	550	550
Hongkong	1/5.3/16	1/5.1/16
Brussels	23.53 1/4	23.05 1/4
Stockholm	19.30	19.30
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Libon	100 1/2	100 1/2
Bombay	1/6.3/64	1/6.3/64
Rio	4 1/4	4 1/4
Yokohama	1/2.13/32	1/2.16/32
Montevideo	35 1/2	35 1/2
Belgrade	240	240
Montreal	5.05 1/2	5.02 1/2
Silver (wart)	18.4	18.9/16
Silver (forward)	18.9/16	18.9/16
War Loan	100.7/16	100 1/2

—*British Wireless.*

FUTURE OF S.M.R.

REORGANISATION PLAN NOW
APPROVED

Dairen, Dec. 13.

The wide and dangerous differences between the Kwangtung Army and the South Manchuria Railway management over the proposals for the reorganisation of the railway, are believed to have been overcome.

It was announced at Changchun to-day that final plans have been completed for presentation to Tokyo for ministerial approval. Their nature is now disclosed, but it is believed that they safeguard the employees.

The employees, nevertheless, are sending a delegation to Tokyo to protect their interests.—*Reuter.*

SUGAR QUOTA PLAN.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY
POSTPONED

The Hague, Dec. 13.

The regular quarterly meeting of the International Sugar Council, which had been planned for December, has been postponed and will probably be held in January, when there is more certainty with regard to conditions in Cuba, a big producing state, and in respect to the Washington quota plan.—*Reuter.*

RADIO
BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST.

TRAVEL TALK FROM STUDIO
THIS EVENING

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:
5-6 p.m. European programme.
5-6 p.m. A relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

6-8.30 p.m. Mrs. W. C. Clark's Children's Programme.
6.30-7.30 p.m. A programme of Listeners' records.

7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.
Band—Colonel Bogey (Alford).
Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Violin Solo—Serenade (Drigo).
Violin Solo—Serenade (Drda).
Missa Elman.

Orchestra—Tales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss).
March Weber and His Orchestra.

Instrumental—Wabash Blues.
Hawaiian—Meet me in Hawaii.
Price—Prosser—Teasley.

Orchestra—La Czarina—Mazurka (Ganne).
Orchestra—Rendez-vous—Intermezzo (Alceter).

Victor Salon Orchestra.
Violin Solo—Millions d'Arlequin—Serenade (Drigo).
Violin Solo—Diane—Waltz (Rapea-Pollack).

Giulietta Morino.
Hawaiian—The Rose of Heaven.
Hawaiian—Silver Threads Among the Gold.

Walter Kolomoiki's Hapohululana Orchestra—Pirouette (Finck).
Orchestra—Le Secret (Gautier).

Victor Salon Orchestra.
Cello Solo—Simple Aveu (Thome).
Cello Solo—Serenade (Pierro).

Alfred Wallenstein.
7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio.
A Third Travel Talk by "Globe Trotter."

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.
8.3-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m. Close Down.

Should reception prove satisfactory, the programme between 6 and 7 p.m. will be replaced by a relay from Daventry.
All relays from the Hongkong Hotel are by courtesy of the Management, and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.

COMPANY REPORT

CHINA LIGHTS TO PAY A
DIVIDEND OF 45cts.

It is announced that the Directors of the China Light & Power Co. have decided to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming annual meeting that the profits for the past financial year (after providing \$384,000 for depreciation) amounting to approximately \$600,000, plus \$162,000 brought forward from last year, be dealt with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 45 cents per share on the Old Shares and proportional amounts on the New Shares, absorbing about \$501,000.
To set aside a Special Reserve in respect of Compensation to Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. 60,000.
To carry forward approximately 170,000.
Total \$821,000.

The dividend will be payable on 1st February, 1934.

The Directors have also decided to make an offer to shareholders of new shares in the proportion of one new share to every seven existing shares held by them, respectively, at the date of the annual meeting. Such new shares will be offered at par, and the total nominal amount of \$5 per share will be payable on acceptance of the offer of the new shares on or before 2nd February, 1934.

LONDON'S AIR "DOCKS."

NEW PROPOSAL BEFORE
CITY'S COUNCIL

London, Dec. 13.

A proposal to create an air station for London by construction of a landing stage for civil aircraft parallel with the Thames River, between City Bridges, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Common Council of the City of London.—*British Wireless.*

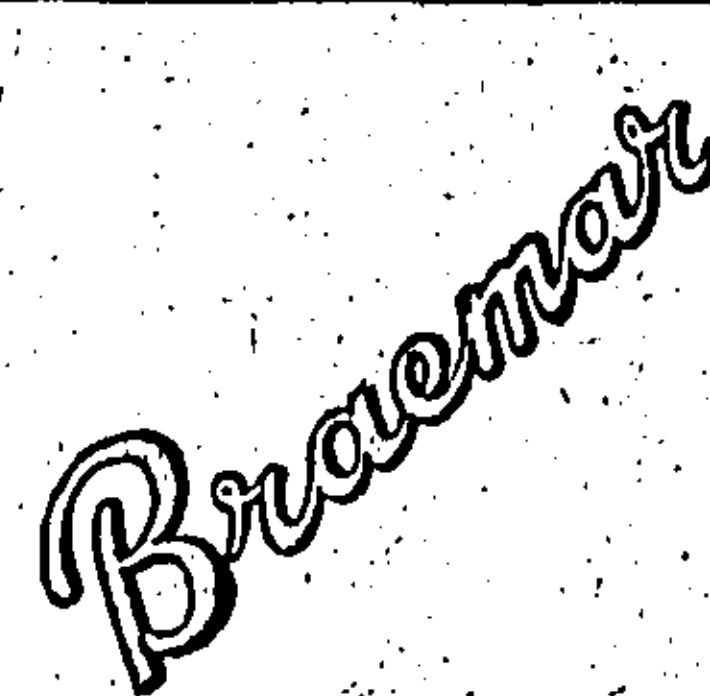
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BIG ATTRACTIONS IN THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL CUP & LEAGUE TIES

WALES SHOULD WIN EASILY AGAINST SCOTLAND

AFTER last week's exhilarating displays of football, one hesitates to suggest that they may be repeated this week-end. Yet a glance at the programme will satisfy that the promise is there.

THE most perplexing problem confronting the enthusiast is to select which match to attend from the half a dozen entertaining encounters which are down for decision.

MANY, indeed, will regret that the International Charity Cup tie between Wales and Scotland and the first division league match between South China and the Lincolns should clash on Sunday. They are the high spots of the week-end programme.

I am confidently expecting a win for Wales. The team will be composed of the majority, if not the whole of the Borderers' first division league eleven, and they will be stronger in some departments than Scotland. They should also enjoy superiority in team work and understanding, as Scotland meet as eleven more or less strangers.

Whilst not denying the individualistic ability of the Scottish team, I hesitate to suggest that his, in itself, is sufficient to beat the well balanced Welsh combination, which, be it noted, is now playing as well as it has done at any part of the season.

NOT FEASIBLE.

The inclusion of Dockerty, Hunter, and McQuade of the Argylls has allowed Scotland to field a much stronger side than would ordinarily have been possible. Even so, it cannot seriously be suggested that these three players are good enough to upset the Borderers—Sorry! Welshmen. Scotland have a splendid defence, and it will be no cake walk for the Welsh forwards to break through it. But I have serious doubts as to the goal getting potentialities of the forwards.

The line includes Lawson and George Dundan, both second division players, who, although among the most successful of the Club second string attack, may find themselves a bit out of the picture in this standard of football.

Duncan, of course, is no stranger to senior grade soccer, and in 1930-31 and subsequently, operated on the Club right wing.

But it is only this year that he has adopted the centre-forward berth, and there is just a suspicion that he will discover a lack of experience to make his job the success required.

GREENSHIELDS VACILLATIONS.

Lowson will probably make a useful right winger, but the same qualification must be applied to him.

Greenhields' positional vacillations this season should at least enable him to become versatile. He started off as half back in the Royal Artillery second string, came up into the seniors, where he was played successfully as centre-forward, right back (in Allen's absence) and inside left.

On Sunday Scotland will have his services on the left wing. From what I have seen of Greenhields he seems to be first and last an inside forward. But I will not deny his versatility, and although here again I feel Scotland will suffer a weakness, it may be that his inclusion in this position will prove very beneficial to the team.

Lost the foregoing should lend itself to misinterpretation. I hasten to explain that I do not think the three forwards mentioned will be hopeless failures. But whether they can give McQuade and Shepherd, their more experienced colleagues, the support sufficient to overcome the seasoned and reliable Welsh defence is the question which prompts my criticism.

DEFENCE IS ALL RIGHT.

As has already been noted, the half back line and rear guard are first rate. In Robertson, hereinafter known as the Lal Wah Cup hero, Blackburne and Andy Duncan Scotland have an intermediate trio which should be able to offer a very stout resistance.

Blackburne, of course, is normally a left back, and he may not find it too easy to settle down to his un-

SOUTH CHINA UP AGAINST TWO BIG PROPOSITIONS

SOUTH China seem unable to get any relief. One week they are beaten by the Club; the next they have to oppose the Navy and are held to a draw. After that, ten of their players appear in a Cup match in which they are defeated, and this week have two matches before them.

AND that's not all. Their strenuous week-end includes an encounter with the Lincolns, one of their biggest rivals for the championship. This happens on Sunday. On Saturday they have to entertain Kowloon.

ONE is becoming more and more wary in the forecasting of South China's probable results. They have forced upon us the conclusion that they are nowhere near the powerful, all-conquering team of last year.

With them, to-day, it is a case of anything may happen. They should (this advisedly) beat Kowloon. But the latter are a combination who have not once this season demonstrated their maximum capabilities. There has always been a weak link somewhere, either in the half back line, or among the forwards. But the introduction of one or more of the kilted boys may find all these shortcomings obliterated, in which case South China can look forward to a stern struggle.

HILL WILL BE MISSED.

Hill will be sadly missed by Kowloon. He settled down into an excellent defender, his sturdy and courageous tackling and splendid length kicking marking him as among the best right backs in the Colony.

At the time of writing the Kowloon line-up depends on contingencies, the chief of which is whether H.M.S. Wren will be back in the Colony to allow Lewis and Timberlake to take their places in the team.

There seems little doubt that if available these two players will figure in the team, and that only Yeoman of the Argylls is likely to come in to take over the centre-half berth.

This would allow Timberlake to go up to centre-forward, Elliott to inside left and Lewis at inside right. Unless Heath's finger heals up and Ash's twisted knee recovers, the Lincolns will take the field against South China on Sunday minus the services of their regular goalkeeper and left back.

HOCQUARD A SPENT FORCE.

This must seriously affect their prospects. It may entail the exclusion of Higgins from the forward line, as he would probably be needed in the defence. Without his vigorous personality I cannot see the soldiers' attack causing South China very much worry. Hocquard is a spent force these days. He hasn't played a really good game for a month, and his leg is so prone to give out that the slightest provocation, which he cannot even be regarded as reliable.

Ridley has played two very mediocre games lately, and seems to be feeling the strain of having so much work and responsibility on his shoulders. I cannot see a lot of goals accruing from the forward line unless Higgins is there with his worrying tactics to pave the way for the inside left.

St. Joseph's should be able to retain the leadership. They engage the Police, and two points seem just about as certain as anything can be in football.

ARTILLERY CHANGES.

The Artillery have an interesting fixture, when they visit the Kowloon Football Club to oppose the East Lanes. The Gunners, with the exception of Knight, who is displaced by Wood, will be the same team as that which defeated the Athletic last Sunday.

Knight has been sent back to the reserves (I wonder why: he fitted in well with Real last week, and scored a neat goal). Greenhields is being rested, presumably in view of his Sunday engagement, and Worthington still occupies Harris' position at left half.

There is no reason why the Artillery should not repeat last week's success. The match is on the same ground which should have some significance for the East Lanes.

TWO CHANGES IN CLUB LINE UP

Rodger Returns to Goal: Hill at Inside Right

George Rodger, who arrived back from furlough on the Naldara at 8 o'clock this morning, will make his initial appearance of the season in the Club goal against the Athletic to-morrow.

Another probable change in the Club line-up will be the inclusion of Hill, late of Kowloon at inside right, to the exclusion of Dominy, who has filled that position in every match this season.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The week-end programme is:

SATURDAY.

First Division

Club v Athletic—Club.
Lincolns v R. Engineers—K.F.C.
S. China v Kowloon—Caroline Hill.

Police v St. Joseph's—Police.

Second Division

Y. Indians v Navy—St. Joseph's.
Club v Kowloon—Club.
Athletic v Borderers—Athletic.

Third Division

Radio v Lincolns—Athletic, 4 p.m.
Recreio v R. Engineers—King's Park, 2.30.
Borderers v R.A.M.C.—Military, 2.30.

SUNDAY.

International Charity Cup

Scotland v Wales—K.F.C., 4 p.m.

First Division

S. China v Lincolns—Caroline Hill.

Second Division

Artillery v Lincolns—Sookunpo, 2.30.

As these alterations should turn out to be improvements, the Club ought to be able to garner points from the Athletic.

The Athletic are finding themselves very much poorer now that Lal Kwok-chui has been suspended, and the Club will have to play well below form to lose.

accustomed position. But as an obstructor he is an extraordinarily useful man wherever his position.

Hunter, Hill and Dockerty constitute a reliable last line of defence.

On the assumption that Wales will be represented by the Borderers first team, there seems little need to deal with the composition of the eleven in an analytical form.

The Borderers are now well known. On form they still remain the best of the Army teams in the Colony. Their big weakness is to make slips at crucial moments. If this can be obviated on Sunday, they should find themselves in the next round.

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St. Joseph's

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"BOY" FOOTBALLER INJURED

SHEPPARD OF THE KENT BREAKS HIS ARM

A nasty accident occurred during the match between Possibles and Probables of the Boys of H.M.S. Kent yesterday afternoon, when Sheppard of the Probables sustained a fall which broke his arm. He was immediately removed to hospital.

The opening exchanges were fast but with the Probables weakened by playing a man short the Possibles had most of the play. The Possibles opened the scoring through Welch, who managed to break through a strong defence to score. Vickerman, the Possibles centre forward played a good constructive game, keeping his forwards well up and distributing the ball freely. He put the Possibles two up within the next few minutes with a ground shot, whilst Frith added another to make the score three nil in favour of the Possibles. The Probables retaliated a few minutes before half time and Dyer scored for them.

The second half saw a relief in the place of Sheppard, but this did not stop the Possibles adding to the score through Welch. The Probables were playing a better game with the reserve, and looked as though they might avoid defeat. Jones reduced the deficit but the defence held out after that the final whistle leaving the Possibles winners by 4 goals to 2. Probables: Underwood, Dyer, Capstaff, Sheppard, Barker, Hopkins, Cobb, Jones, Maxwell, Robinson, Hawkesworth. Possibles: Simpson, Niel, Denton, Richardson, Weston, Welles, Swales, Marshall, Vickerman, Frith, Welch.

HOCKEY

TOPMEN TOO GOOD

FOR QUARTER DECK

The Topmen of the Kent, who had the assistance of some of the E.L.P. "cracks" were much too good for their colleagues of the Quarter Deck in a hockey match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The topmen won by four goals to one. Flint opening the scoring in the first quarter of an hour. Lanaway added a second five minutes later and Flint completed the first half scoring the teams crossing over with the topmen leading by three clear goals.

The topmen displayed splendid balance, the defence backing up the smart forward line in most praiseworthy manner. Although each team scored once in the second half, the topmen always remained superior, and it was not until Reed had put them four ahead, that they slackened sufficiently to allow Sprint to gain the Quarter Deck's solitary point. Quarter Deck: Baker, Saunders, and Eley; Craven, George, Kentish, Ambridge and Morton. Topmen: Edwards, Mitchell, Russell, Sure, Gilbert, and Russell; Sufield, Reed, Lanaway, Flint and Leoce.

RUGBY

Artillery—Beat Lincolns

A fast rugby game at Sookunpo yesterday afternoon saw the Royal Artillery defeat the Lincolns by two tries (6 points) to nil.

From the start the R.A. took the offensive and soon had the play well up in the Lincolns' territory. Three or four times the Lincolns three-quarter line broke loose only to be stopped before they were able to cross the line. About twenty minutes after play commenced, Lt. Metcalfe of the Artillery secured the ball near centre and passed to Hall near the twenty-five yard line who ran through to score right under the posts. The kick failed.

The second half opened with the Lincolns attacking and for a while

NAVY HOCKEY

STRONGEST TEAM SELECTED

STEPHENSON'S FINE GAME

(By "Bully Off") Following the trial game at Kowloon Park yesterday evening the Navy XI was selected as under: Lieut. W. A. K. N. Cavato (Otus); Pay. Lieut. Birkett (Tamar), Surg. Lieut. Cmdr. A. E. Phillips, Capt. (Suffolk); Lieut. W. D. F. B. Muspratt (Suffolk); Lieut. E. N. Sinclair (Oswald); Lieut. Cmdr. Hill (Medway); Lieut. W. S. Donald (Osiris); Lieut. J. H. Eady (Orpheus); Lieut. E. N. V. Currey (Orpheus); Lieut. P. J. H. Hartlett (Pandora); Lieut. Anderson (Eagle).

There is little room for comment on the selected side, for it represents about the strongest combination the Navy can field. The forward line is the same as last year except on the left where Lieut. Anderson (Eagle) will figure. He played quite a useful game in the trial yesterday and should be an asset to the attack.

Lieut. Currey is again leading the attack but has not been much to the fore this season. He has taken up rugby and his hockey has been more or less neglected. He did not play in yesterday's game but Lieut. Cmdr. Stephenson, who deputised for him, in partnership with Lieut. Eaden and Lieut. Atkinson was a revelation.

He played a steady game and displayed some fine attackwork. In view of the fact that Currey will probably be a little stale unless he puts in some more practice before the triangular I would have liked to see Stephenson included in the representative side.

Eaden and Bartlett played their usual sparkling games in the inside, and Donald on the right has not lost any of his speed. Lieut. Muspratt and Sinclair, at centre half and right half respectively both played in the Navy side at Home last year and both showed up well in the trial.

In the defence, Surg. Lieut. Cmdr. Phillips, the Irish International is the best choice. He exhibits a play which other backs in the Colony would do well to emulate. Instead of doing as many do, hitting blindly up the field, he steadies himself for every shot and if there is a half unmarked out it goes to him in preference to giving it to the forwards. In yesterday's game he had little chance of shining. Had he been opposed to Stephenson, Eaden and Atkinson he would probably have impressed much more.

REID SHINES. Birkett, who is to partner Phillips, is a good choice. He played a sterling game yesterday. He has a good eye and a hard hit, although many clearances are made blindly. McRae, who yesterday led the Possibles, was out of his class of hockey, and admitted it. He played a very useful game nevertheless. E. R. A. Reid, playing behind McRae, did some very fine destructive work.

A. B. Doe, who came in at the last minute in place of Mid. H.D.M. Slater, on the right wing for the Possibles, exhibited a useful turn of speed and gave his inside men some admirably placed passes. THE TRIAL GAME. There were several further changes in the chosen teams in the trial game. In the Possibles side Lieut. Cavato (Otus) was brought in in place of Lieut. Cmdr. R. L. M. Edwards (Parthian) between the sticks with Lieut. Cmdr. Gush (Medway) replacing Lieut. G. R. Carver (Veteran) at right back. In the forward line a last minute change was made, A. B. Doe being included at right wing in place of Mid. H. D. M. Slater (Cumberland). Comd. Colpoys deputised for Lieut. Cavato in goal for the Probables. Soon after the start Lieut. Cmdr. Stephenson opened the scoring for the Probables after a neat pass in from Atkinson, and Lieut. Bartlett had had lines after Mid. Darvel sent him a high pass from the right.

In the second half Cmdr. Stephenson put the Probables further ahead before Darvel scored. The Possibles' first goal, Stephenson again found the net, and in subsequent play the Possibles were awarded a corner from which Darvel scored with a first-time hit after stopping the ball. Before the end Donald scored twice more for the Probables.

CRICKET

NAVY WIN BY FIVE WICKETS

BIG PARTNERSHIP

On the Navy ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon the home team's second eleven beat St. Joseph's College by five wickets after dismissing the schoolboys for 110 runs. Scores:

St. Joseph's College.			
G. Windsor, run out	2		
A. H. Bakar, b Cagby	18		
A. A. Rumjahn, run out	15		
C. Amery, c Palaret, b Luard	35		
H. Asome, c Barron	2		
H. Ozorio, c and b Cagby	16		
J. Arnal, run out	14		
A. H. Esmail, b Lewis	1		
C. Lelao, c and b Rundlo	1		
J. Veiga, not out	6		
Extras	3		
	110		

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Luard	10	0	19	1
Lewis	9	2	19	1
Cagby	6	1	25	3
Vivian	4	0	19	1
Rundlo	2	0	7	1

Royal Navy.

Palaret, b Rumjahn	9
Smith, b Rumjahn	48
Ford, b Rumjahn	81
Barron not out	1
Lewis, run out	0
Luard, c Bakar, b Rumjahn	3
Extras	2

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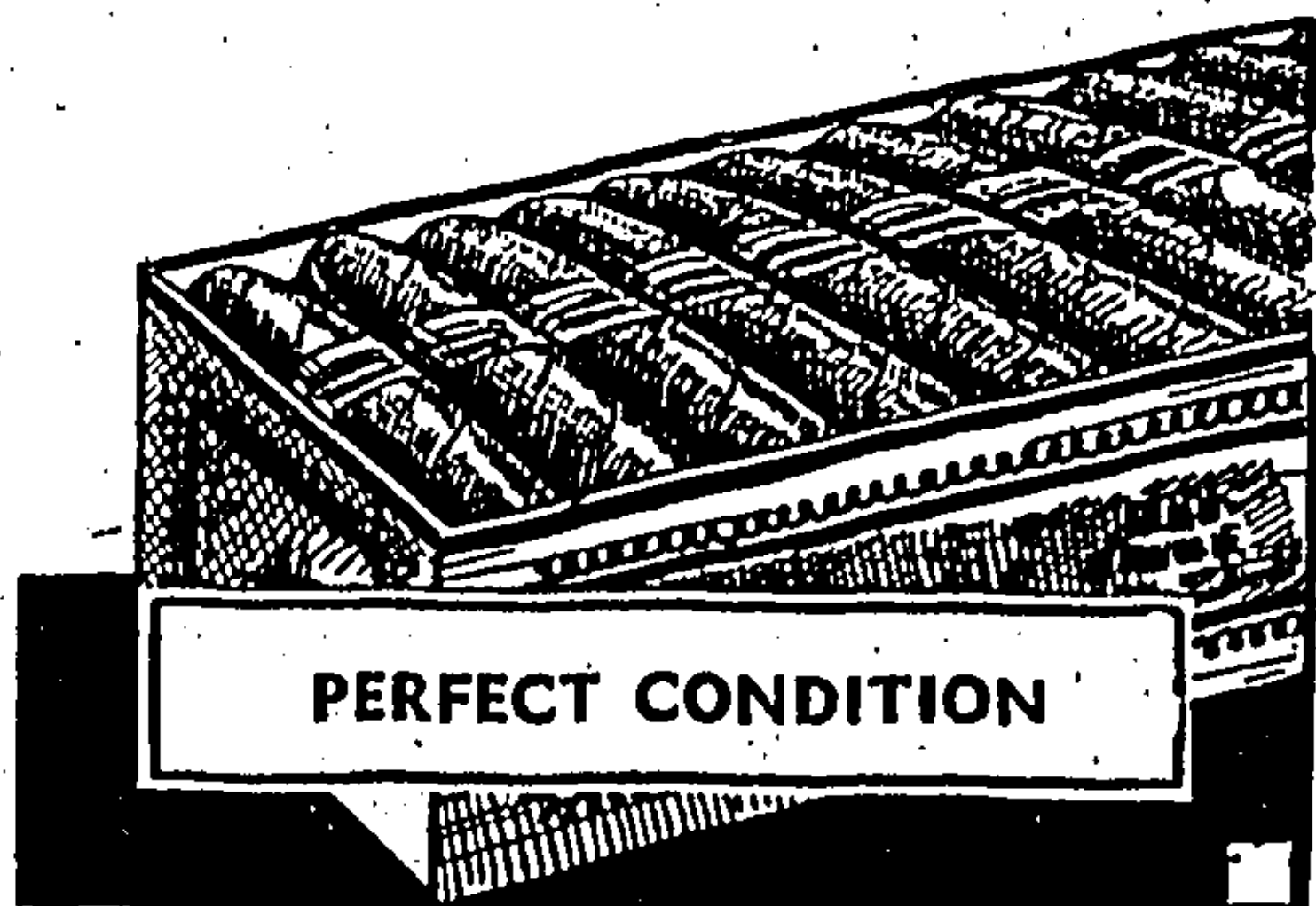
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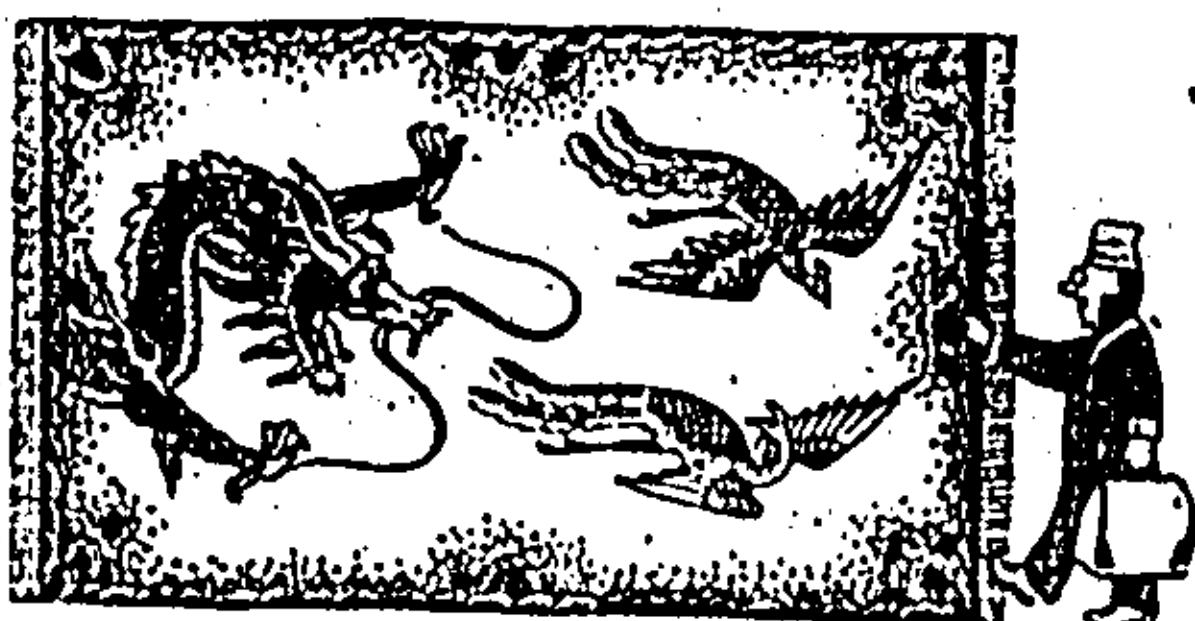
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SHARPHAM TAKES 5 FOR 15 AGAINST D.B.S.

NARROW WIN FOR THE CENTRAL BRITISH

Bowlers Hold Upper Hand

The Central British School visited the Diocesan Boys' School and beat their hosts by four wickets. A. J. Hulise and J. Sharpham were the outstanding bowlers for their respective sides. Scores:

Diocesan Boys' School.			
A. Zimmern, b Blake	1		
J. Fong, run out	1		
G. Lee, b Sharpham	4		
A. J. Hulise, b Blake	12		
W. Rapley, b Sharpham	12		
B. D. Lay, b Sharpham	3		
J. Prettyjohn, run out	0		
R. Broadbridge, c Mulcahy, b Blake	2		
C. Lee, b Sharpham	1		
C. Dalsiel, b Sharpham	1		
E. Rapley, not out	3		
Extras	3		
	32		

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sharpham	7	1	15	5
Blake	7	—	14	3

Central British.

D. Blake, b Lay	11			
G. Willmott, run out	1			
R. Holden, run out	13			
V. Bond, b Hulise	2			
W. Mulcahy, c Broadbridge, b Hulise	3			
J. Sharpham, l.b.w. b Hulise	0			
K. Baxter, b Lay	0			
C. Bander, b Hulise	0			
R. Trout, b Hulise	0			
R. Hill, run out	8			
E. Gaubert not out	8			
Extras	8			
Total	41			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Hulise	7	2	19	5
G. Lee	3	2	7	2
B. Lay	4	—	7	2

The Police maintained their unbeaten record in the Marnak Tournament yesterday when they defeated the Royal Signals on the Marina by four goals to nil. Perkins and Wass scored one goal each and Indian Constables B563 and 70 each scored.



Hvoroff, the Sokols leader heads away in their Shanghai Football League match with the Reds on the latter's ground last week. Reds won the game 5-0.

HAMPSHIRE'S WIN.

Surrey Swamped In Rugger Match.

FROST INTERFERES.

London, Dec. 12. Hampshire swamped Surrey in a County rugby match to-day by 32 to 0. They played at Twickenham. All other fixtures were postponed on account of frost. *Reuter.*

The following will represent the St. Andrew's Club in a friendly hockey match against the Radio Sports Club on the Marina ground at 5 sharp this afternoon.—R. H. Wong; F. A. Broadbridge and E. H. P. White; E. MacNider, A. E. P. Guest (Capt.) and A. B. Hamson; E. C. Fletcher, A. S. Biles, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher and M. Weill.

1934 SPORTS CALENDER

ENGLAND'S MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS

The following is an interesting sporting calendar for 1934, setting out the dates of some of the most important sports events in England next year.

Jan. 6, 1934	Rugby, England v. The Rest	Twickenham
Jan. 20	Rugby, England v. Wales	Cardiff
Feb. 10	Rugby, England v. Ireland	Dublin
Feb. 10	Rugby, Royal Navy v. R.A.F.	Twickenham
Mar. 3	Rugby, Royal Navy v. The Army	Twickenham
Mar. 6-8	National Hunt Meeting	Cheltenham
Mar. 10-17	Grand Military Meeting	Sandown Park
Mar. 17	Association Football, Semi-Final Ties	
Mar. 17	Rugby, England v. Scotland	Twickenham
Mar. 21	Bxking, Amateur Championships	Royal Albert Hall
Mar. 23	Grand National Steeplechase	Liverpool
Apr. 3-28	Ideal Army Exhibition	Twickenham
Apr. 21	Association Football, Final	Olympia
Apr. 28	Association Football, Final Tie	Wembley
May 2	2,000 Guineas Stakes	Newmarket
May 17-June 2	Royal Tournament	Olympia
May 28	Golf, Amateur Championship	Prestwick, Ayrshire
May 30-June 1	Chelsea Flower Show	London
June 6	Daisy Stakes	Epsom
June 8	Oaks Stakes	Epsom
June 10, 19-23	Auerhot Command Tattoo	Aldershot
June 10-22	Ascot Meeting	Ascot
June 25	Golf, Open Championship	Royal St. George's, Sandwich, Kent
June 25-July 7	Lawn Tennis (All-England Championships)	Wimbledon
June 30	Royal Air Force Display	London
July 3-7	Royal Agricultural Soc. of England Show	Ipswich
July 9, 10, 11	Cricket, Oxford v. Cambridge	Lords
July 9-21	Shooting, Bisley N.R.A. Meeting	
July 13-14	Amateur Athletic Association Chship	White City
July 13-14	Cricket, Eton v. Harrow	Lords
July 23-24	Cricket, Royal Navy v. The Army	Lords
July 31-Aug. 1-3	Goodwood Meeting	Goodwood
Aug. 4-7-11	Southern Command Tattoo	Tidworth
Aug. 7-10	Yachting, N.Y.S. Regatta	Cowes
Sept. 12	St. Leger Stakes	Doncaster
Oct. 17	C-sarewitch Stakes	Newmarket
Oct. 21-25	Dairy Show	Royal Agricultural Hall
Oct. 31	Cambridgeshire Stakes	Newmarket
Nov. 24	Manchester November Handicap	Manchester

IMPORTANT MATCHES AT LORDS 1934.

M.C.C. v. Surrey	May 2, 3, 4
M.C.C. v. Yorkshire	May 6, 7, 8
Middlesex v. Gloucestershire	May 9, 10, 11
M.C.C. v. Australians	May 12, 14, 15
Middlesex v. Hampshire	May 16, 17, 18
Middlesex v. Sussex	May 19, 21, 22
Middlesex v. Somerset	May 23, 24, 25
Middlesex v. Australians	May 26, 28, 29
Middlesex v. Warwickshire	May 30, 31, June 1
England v. The Rest	June 2, 4, 5
Middlesex v. Northants	June 6, 7, 8
Middlesex v. Yorkshire	June 9, 11, 12
Middlesex v. Glamorgan	June 13, 14, 15
Gentlemen of England v. Australians	June 16, 18, 19
England v. Australia	June 22, 23, 25, 26
Middlesex v. Essex	June 27, 28, 29
M.C.C. v. Oxford University	June 30, July 2, 3
M.C.C. v. Cambridge University	July 4, 5, 6
Oxford v. Cambridge	July 9, 10, 11
Eton v. Harrow	July 13, 14
R.A.F. v. Army	July 16, 17
Royal Navy v. The Army	July 18, 19, 20
Gloucestershire v. Gloucestershire	July 23, 24
Gloucestershire v. Gloucestershire	July 25, 26, 27
Gloucestershire v. Gloucestershire	August 15, 16, 17
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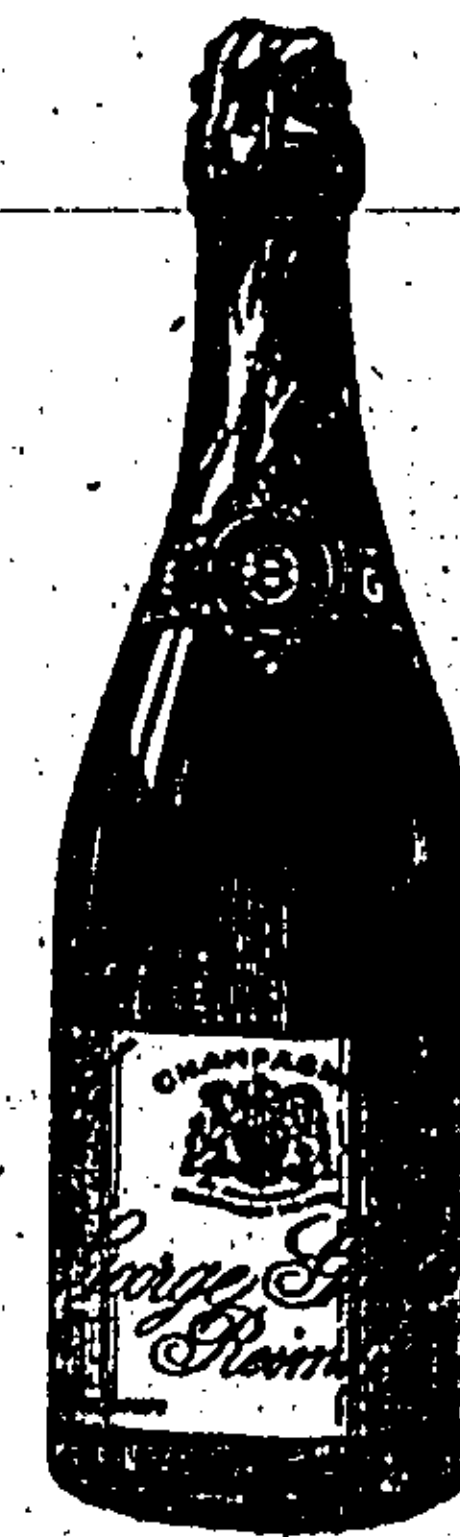
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THE UNKNOWN BLONDE

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version of what happened."

Matthew Hollister sat down. "Why, yes," he said in his vague tone. "Yes, of course." His eyes turned to his sister, questioningly. "First of all," said McNeal, "I want to know why I didn't see either of you this morning when I was questioning the other tenants."

"I must have been asleep," Miss Hollister told him. "And if I was, of course I wouldn't hear you. I often take a nap in the morning. We're early risers. Out of bed at 8.30. Matthew—"

"I'd prefer to have Matthew answer questions for himself," McNeal said firmly. He looked toward the little man.

"I don't know why I didn't see you," Matthew Hollister said nervously. "Unless I was out for a walk. I walk down to the city every morning." The routine questioning went on. Neither of the Hollisters admitted hearing a shot the night before. Melvina said she'd been visiting a cousin, a Mrs. Butterly who lived on Wyatt street. She'd come home, she declared, at 9.30. Matthew was dozing in his chair, with the radio turned on, when she arrived. Later, Melvina admitted, she'd heard a good deal of walking around and commotion overhead, but she thought it was just some of Tracy King's "carryings-on."

Both of them professed to know nothing of the shooting until they read the morning newspaper.

For nearly an hour McNeal asked questions, but there was nothing new to be learned. At last he arose and Bannister followed. They said goodnight and left the apartment.

Outside in the corridor McNeal eyed the younger man. "Those two," he said, with a significant nod in the direction from which they had come, "they'll bear watching."

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CONTRACT BRIDGE.

SECOND ROUND MATCHES

Second round matches of the Open Contract Bridge tournament will be played at the Sports Club this evening when four tables will be in use.

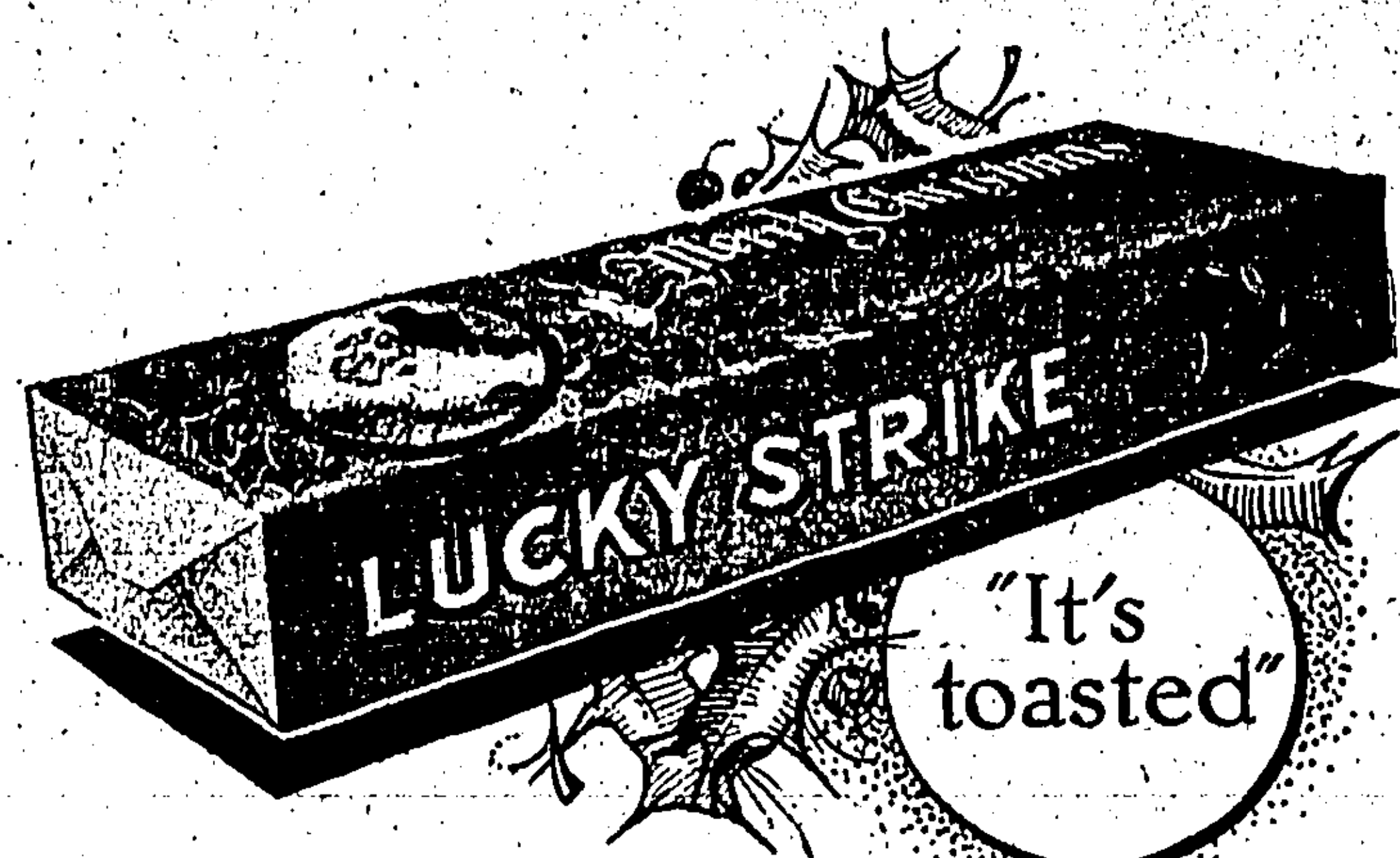
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Mrs. Ho Ki and A. Zimmern v.

Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mrs. C. I. Warren (Table No. 2);
H. O. Odell and M. N. Rakusen v. R. E. Russell and D. A. O'Keefe (Table No. 3);

H. B. Joseph and H. S. Komor v. Major R. G. Lochner and Capt. E. C. J. Barry.

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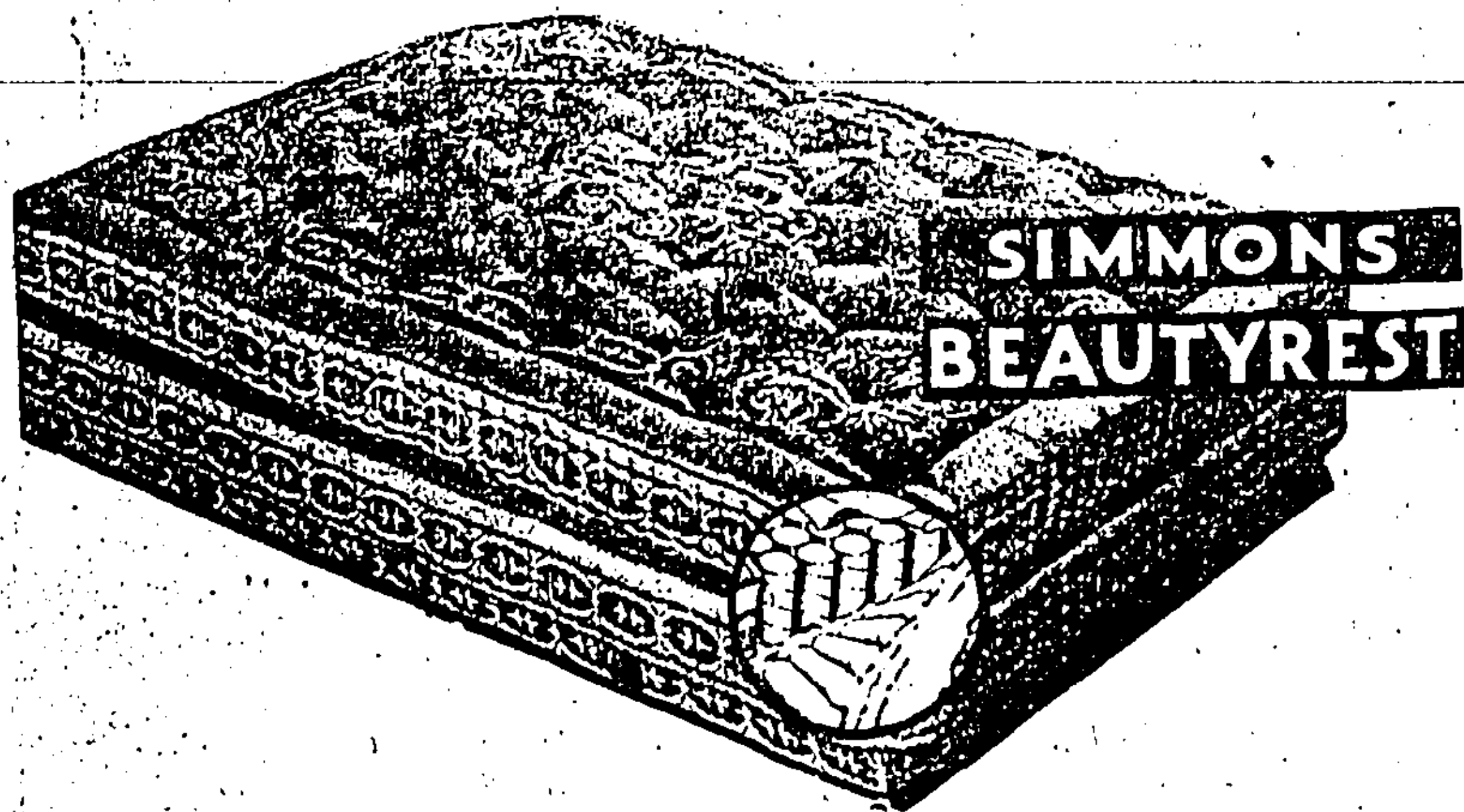
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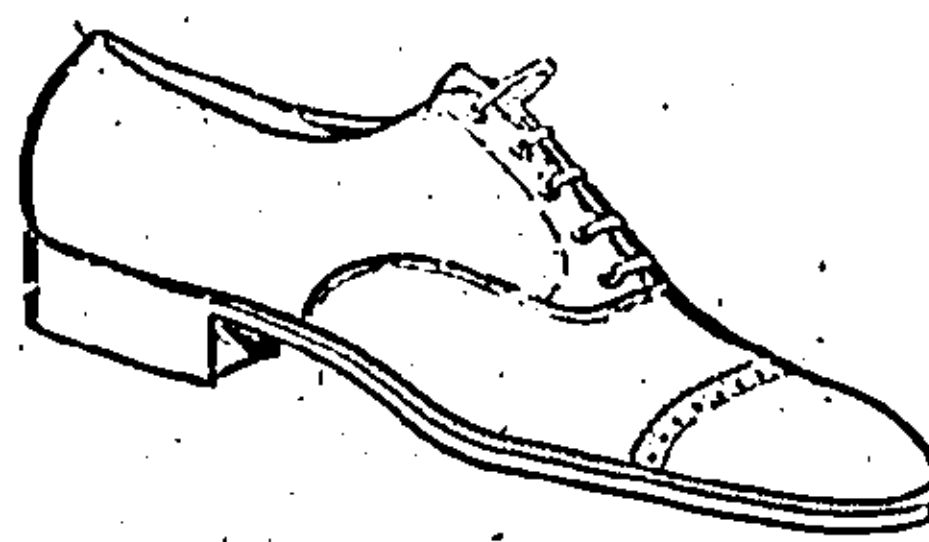
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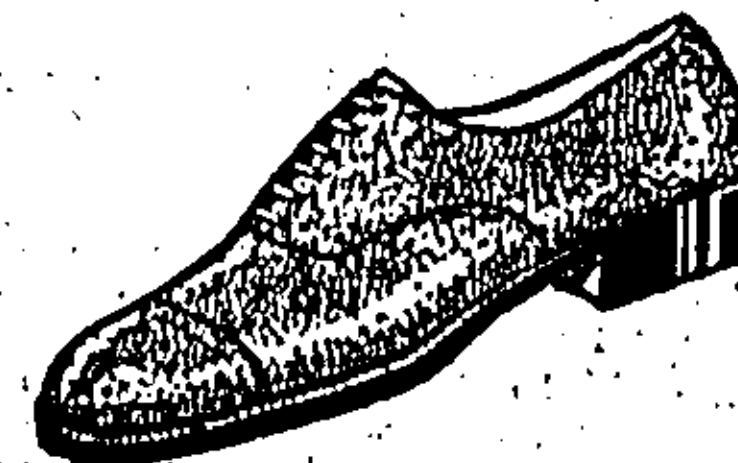


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"Three good tunes and a klick in the pants for your wow blackout. Can you make a show of it?" These are the first sentences in Bradford Hopes' novel, "42nd Street," and they colour the length of Warner Bros. new gigantic picture of the same name which opens on Sunday at the Queen's. In the picture, the words are addressed to Warner Baxter, who plays the role of a veteran stage director with a hundred hits to his credit. What he does to the three good tunes and the klick in the pants form the basis for "42nd Street." But not quite all of it. Warner Bros. have gathered together in this tale of the Blatko's backstage a gripping dramatic story of the theatre of to-day, of the problems, heartaches and tears, the good times, lighthearted camaraderie and carefree days, when there's money in the pocket, forty weeks more of work ahead, and nothing to worry about, all of which make up stage existence. Chorus girls—to the number of about one hundred and fifty—stars, directors, singers, songwriters, hoofers, crooners, comics, heavies, juveniles and ingenues—they're all there. And Warner Baxter, Babe, Daniela, George Brent, Una Merkel, Ruby Keeler (Mrs. Al Jolson), Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks and Ginger Rogers—Warner Bros. were the first to try musical pictures on a lavish scale, and enough was learned from them to assure the producers that there was a public demand for dramatic pictures with the music and dances. The result of some three years preparatory work on this theme has resulted in "42nd Street," perhaps the first picture to incorporate music and dance into the story in a dramatic manner.

"Red Dust" At the Oriental.

The co-starring of Clark Gable and Jenn Harlow in "Red Dust," will be screened at the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday, will prove of exceptional interest to movie patrons. Here are two of the most magnetic personalities on the screen in a vivid drama of Opium, China. Gable is a young over-seer of a rubber plantation, who has beaten the loneliness, fever, deadly heat and blinding dust storms that have broken so many men. Miss Harlow is a girl who tries to win a place in the over-seer's affections. Enter another woman, in the person of Mary Astor, as the aristocratic. The possibilities for dramatic conflict and emotional crises are obvious. The picture directed by Victor Fleming of "Wet Parade" fame, is reported to be one of the outstanding productions in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer calendar for the coming year.

"Mystery of the Wax Museum"

Many of the scenes in "The Mystery of the Wax Museum," the Warner Bros. picture that commenced its run yesterday at the Queen's and which is said to be the most exciting thriller of the year, were of necessity made behind locked doors, as the girls who appear as models for a wax sculptor, were required to appear in what is known to the art world as "the altogether." In order to reproduce exact likenesses of these girls' figures, plaster casts were made of their bodies first. Then the casts were used for the wax reproductions. Lionel Atwill, who plays the leading role as the sculptor is said to give a performance of haunting power and uncanny reality. After a fire which melts and totally destroys his London collection of wax effigies of famous beauties and infamous characters of history, he comes to a large American city, where his increasing display of amazingly lifelike "statues" in the nude arouses the suspicions of the police. Glenda Farrell plays the feminine lead as an up-to-the-minute girl reporter who ferrets out the mystery, saves the life of a girl "model" who is about to be the victim of a maniac, sees that a number of twisted love affairs including her own go straight. Others in the big cast are the beautiful Fay Wray, Frank McHugh, Allen Vincent, Holmes Herbert, Monica Bannister, Edwin Maxwell, Gavin Gordon, Arthur Edmund Carew, De Witt Jennings, Pat O'Malley and Thomas Jackson. Michael Curtiz directed with his usual Continental flair for the mysterious sensational.

"Perfect Understanding"

Ever since Gloria Swanson announced several months ago that she intended producing a picture with an English locale, fans have awaited its showing with considerable curiosity. It is now showing at the King's Theatre. Smart, sophisticated, subtle, with a spice of humour and a touch of sadness, it has all the ingredients for a roaring success. Gloria herself shows all the ability and scintillating personality which has marked her former successes, and in addition she has developed to a marked degree the tenderness which was a feature of "The Trespasser". Gloria has in "Perfect Understanding" a role which

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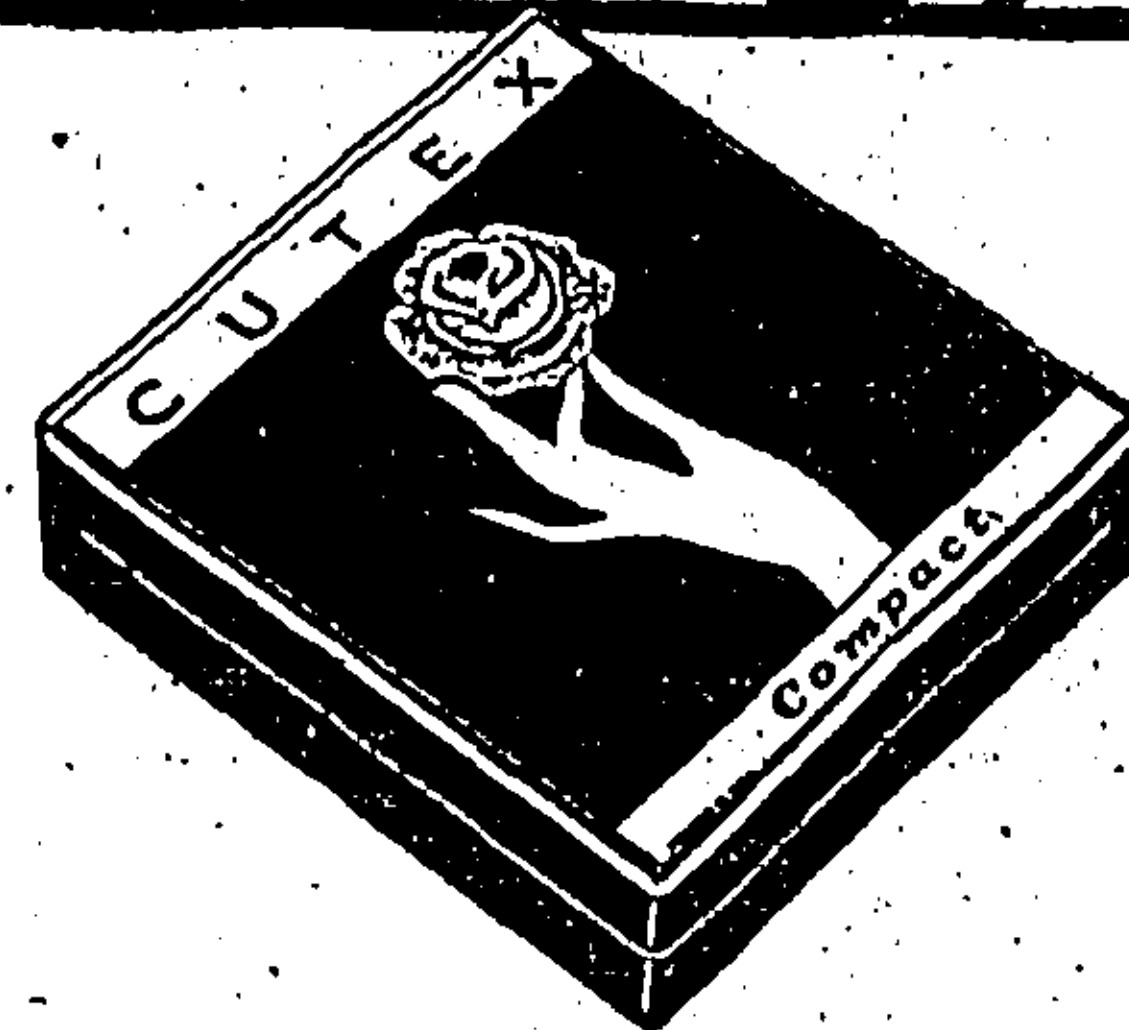
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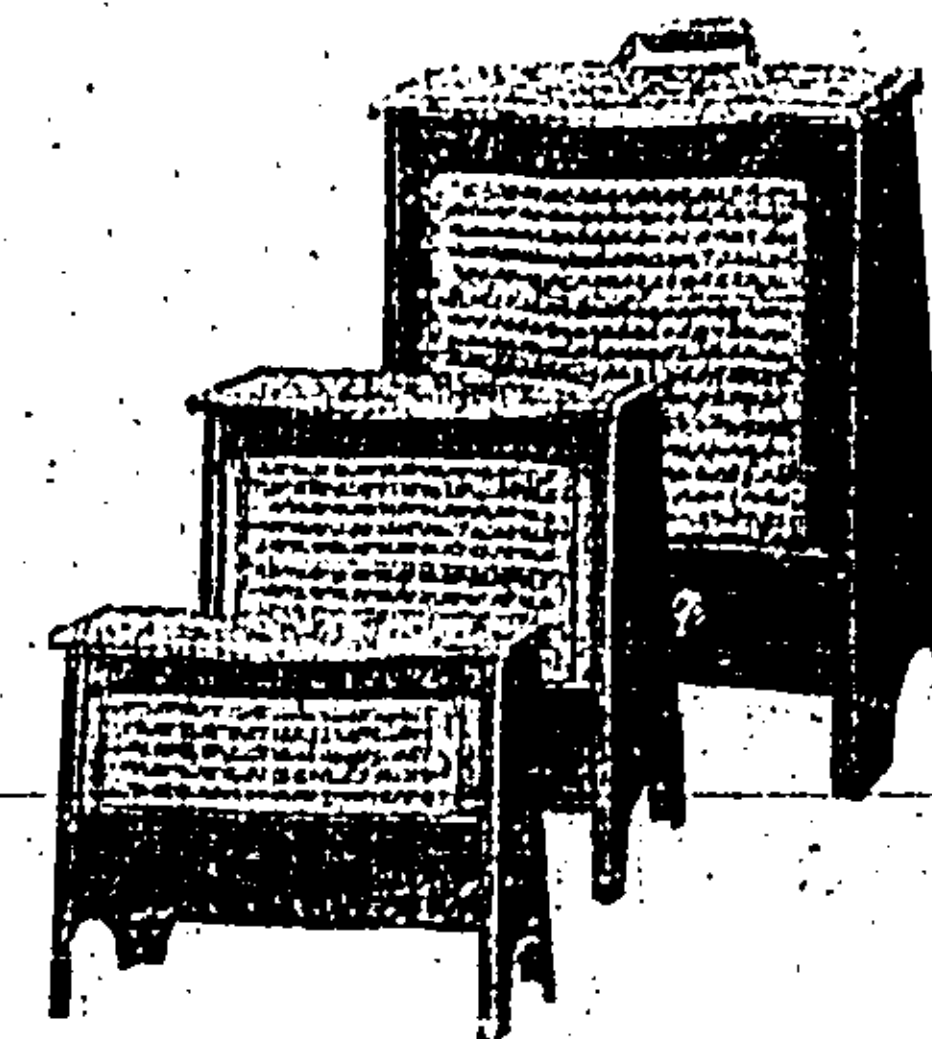
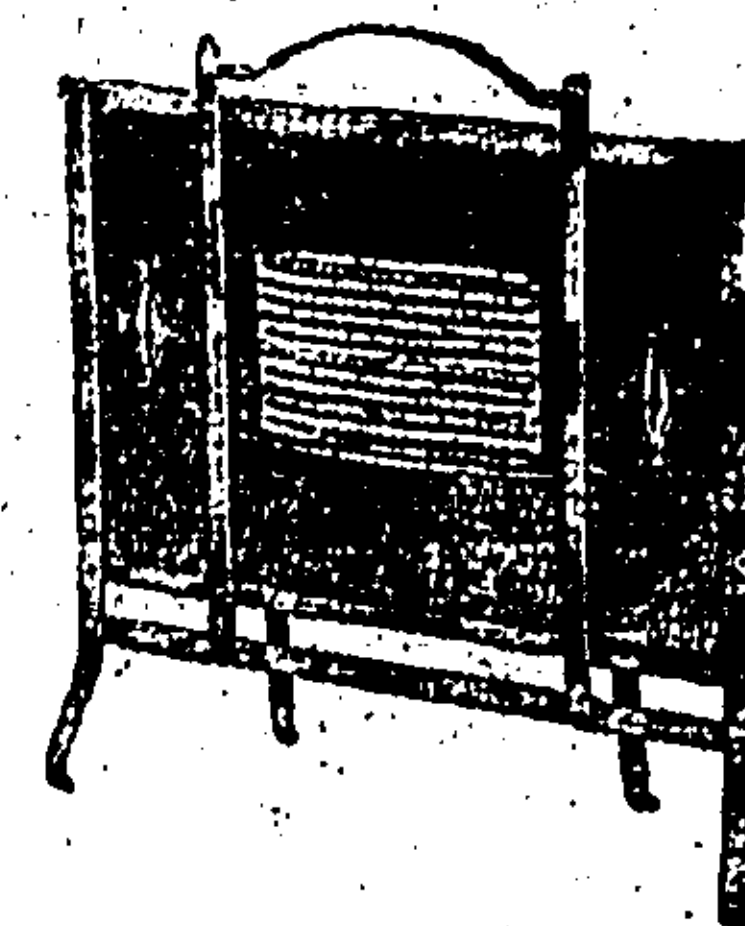
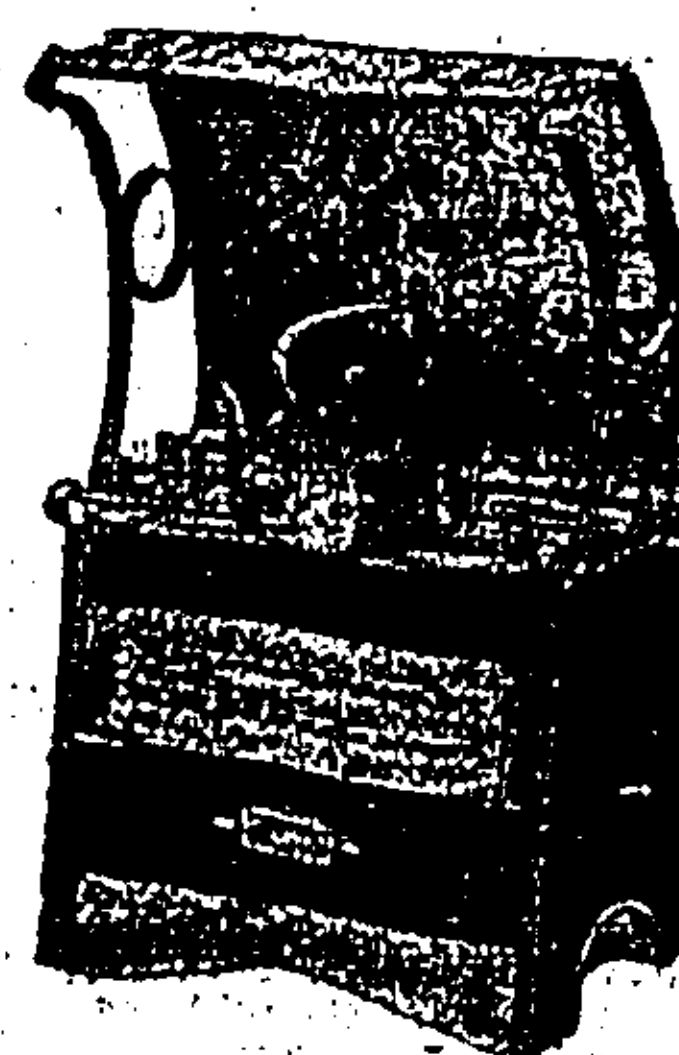
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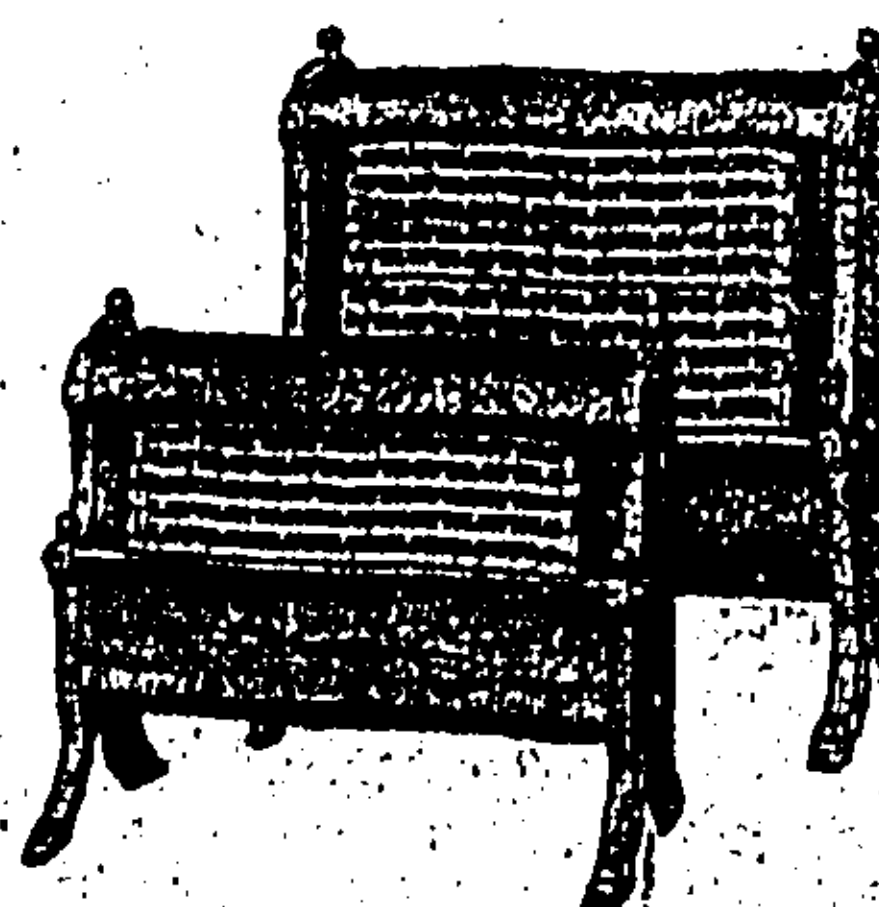
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Miss Ivy Kan was accompanied by Misses Gloria Mok, Amy Fung, Nancy Kan and Aida Ng as her bridemaids, and Mr. Kan Yuet-keung was bestman to Mr. Fung Ping-fan. The wedding ceremonies were followed by one of the most largely attended receptions of the season, there being close on a thousand guests, for whom accommodation had to be found on three floors exclusively given over to the function. In the cosmopolitan gathering were merchants and bankers, businessmen and scholars, as well as a strong contingent of students from the Hongkong University. On Sir William Hornell and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotevall devolved the task of proposing the health of the bride parties, a duty which they discharged admirably. Among the many guests present were noticed also the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Col. Sir Richard and Lady Needham, Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wu, Mr. R. M. McLaughlin, Manager of the National City Bank of N.Y., Mr. A. Brearley, Manager of the Chartered Bank, Prof. C. A. Middleton-Smith, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Prof. W. Brown, Prof. W. I. Gerrard, and many others too numerous to mention.

CINEMA SCREENINGS

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fits her as perfectly as her new Rene Hubert gowns. She plays as an American girl who marries an English aristocrat after they have signed a contract of "perfect understanding," each partner to be allowed full individual freedom. As Gloria's English lover, Laurence Olivier is finally cast, and both in comedy and the more emotional moments he is an ideal partner for the star. Dramatic and poised, this is the best performance of Olivier's movie career.

"The Midshipmaid"

"The Midshipmaid" is just the kind of light entertainment you will enjoy. It will be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday. There are no problems set for solving, no reasons to advance for anything that is done in this bout of merrymaking. Everything is so inconsequent that a ripple of laughter accompanies the actions of all, whether it be the pompousness of the Economy Expert, played by Fred Kerr; the light-heartedness of his "daughter," Jessie Matthews, or the lugubriousness of the A. B. as depicted by A. W. Baskcomb. It takes many sorts to make a world, and many individualities to complete such a bright piece of entertainment as "The Midshipmaid."

"Is My Face Red?"

While New York columnists and humorists were turning to Hollywood and the film colony characters for wise-cracks and colourful material, two screen scribes reversed the process. The result is "Is My Face Red?" the RKO-Radio Picture now showing at the Central Theatre, with Helen Twelvetree, Robert Cortez, Jill Emond, Robert Armstrong and Arline Judge in the featured cast. Ben Markson and Allen Rivkin are the Hollywood writers, both former newspapermen, who thought of returning the Broadway fire. "Is My Face Red?" was originally presented as a play at the Hollywood Writer's Club. It created such a sensation that the authors were induced to rewrite it for RKO-Radio Pictures, the successful bidder among the numerous studios seeking it for filming under the direction of William Seltzer.

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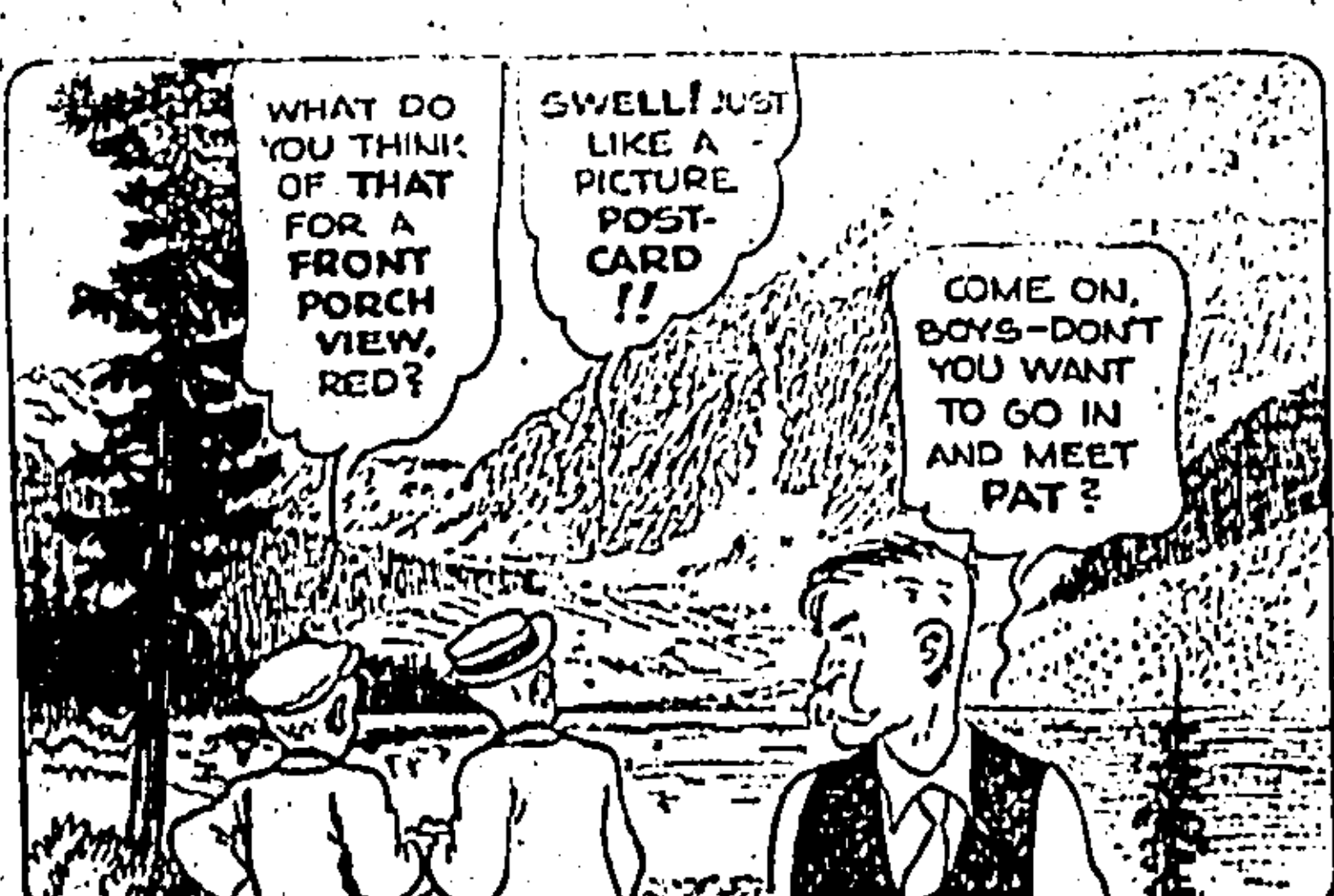
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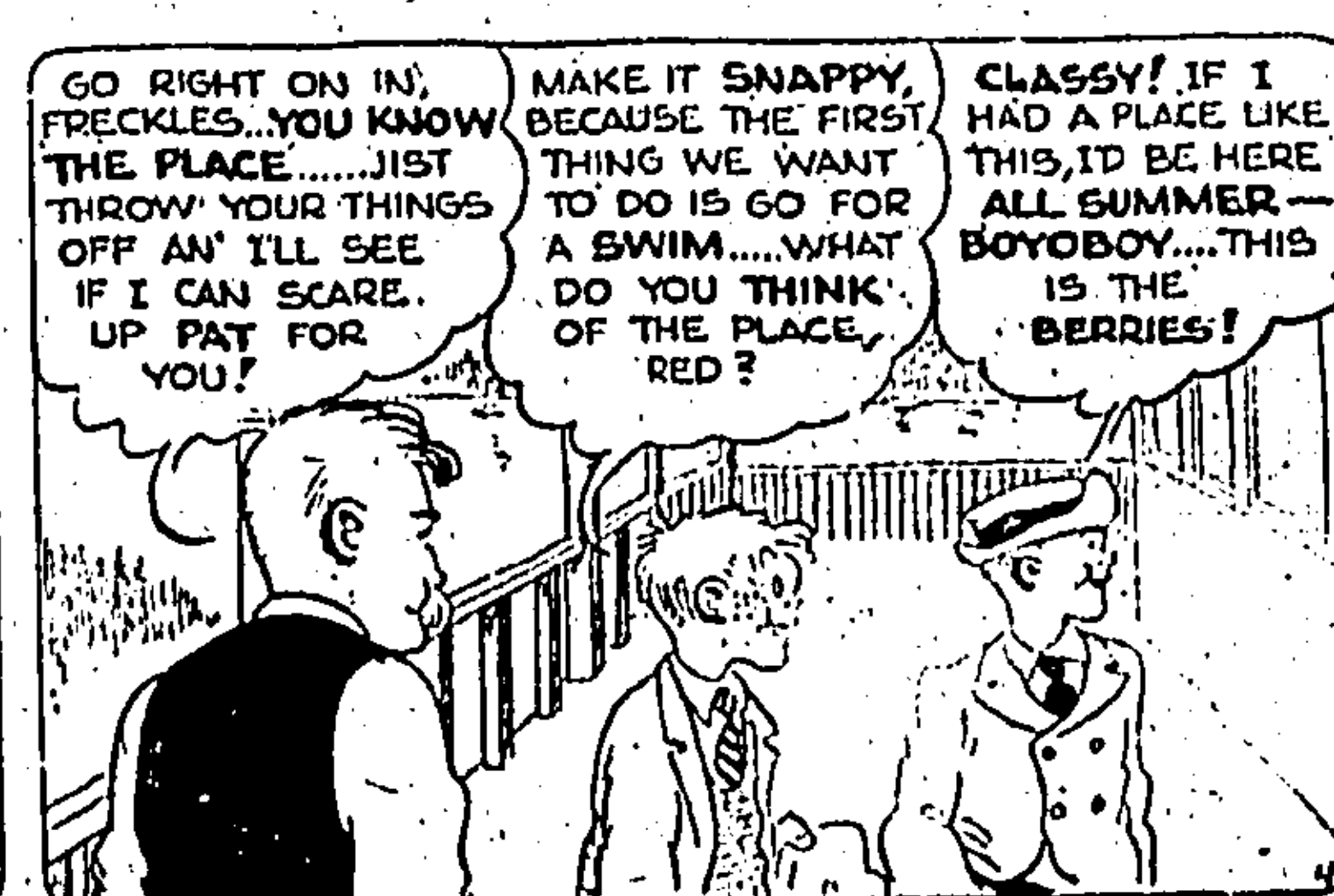
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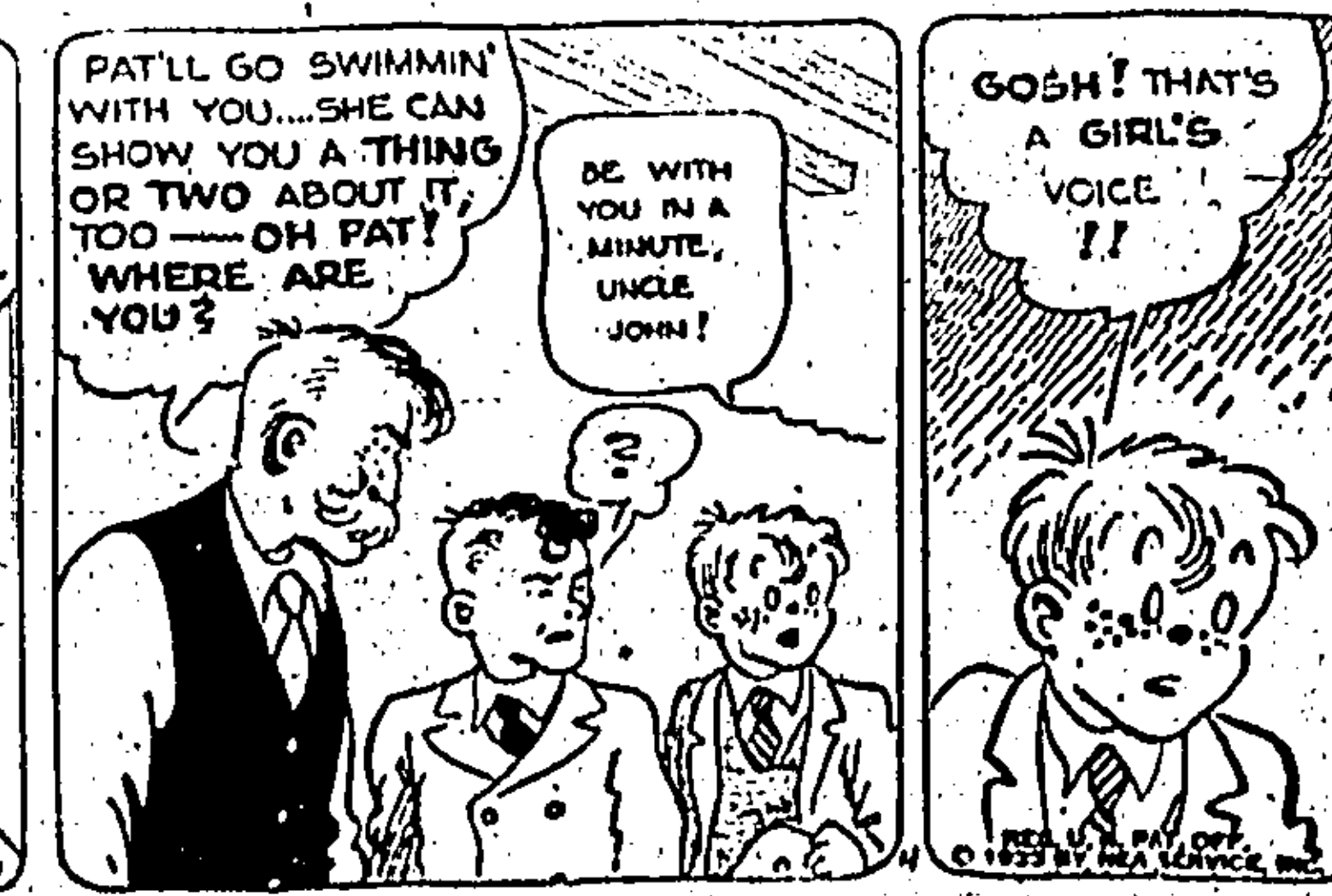
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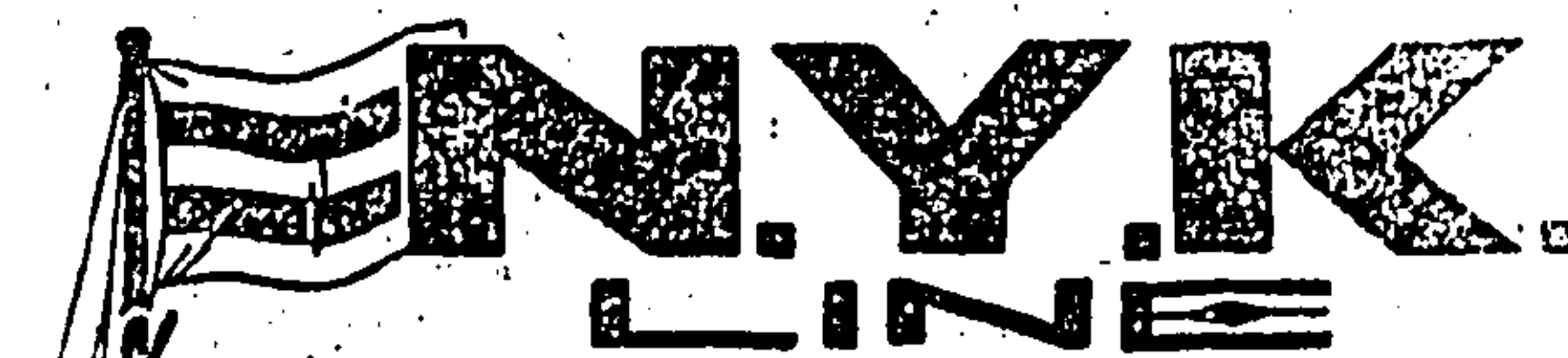
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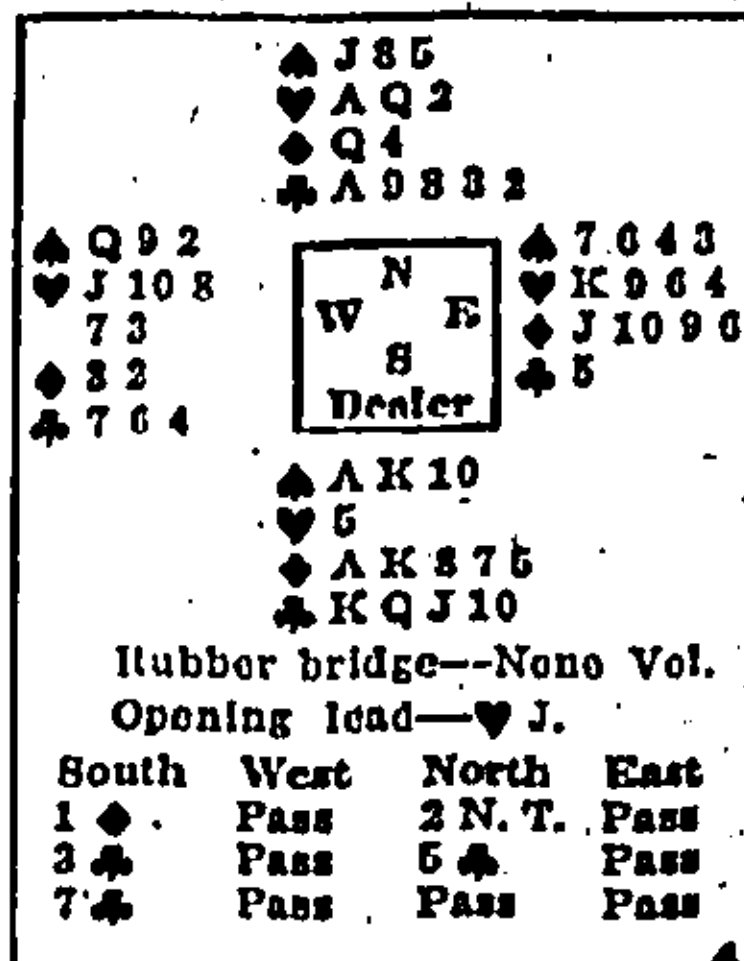
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The Bidding.

When South opened the contract with one diamond and his partner answered with two no trump, he knew he was going places with the hand, as the bid of two no



trump practically marked North with two aces. After South bid clubs and North supported the club bid, South now felt quite positive that North's holding was at least four clubs to the ace, and the ace of hearts.

While the bid of seven might be termed optimistic, the grand slam bonus in rubber bridge is large enough that it pays to gamble.

The Play

The opening lead was the jack of hearts by West, which was won in dummy with the ace. Mr. Gelsert in the South could see that his only chance to make the contract was to get rid of the ten of spades.

This looked rather difficult, especially when you see that the diamond suit will not set. But he proceeded to play the hand in the following manner:

After winning a heart with the ace, he led a small heart and trumped with the ten of clubs. He then led a diamond and won in dummy with the queen. He returned another heart and trumped with the jack of clubs.

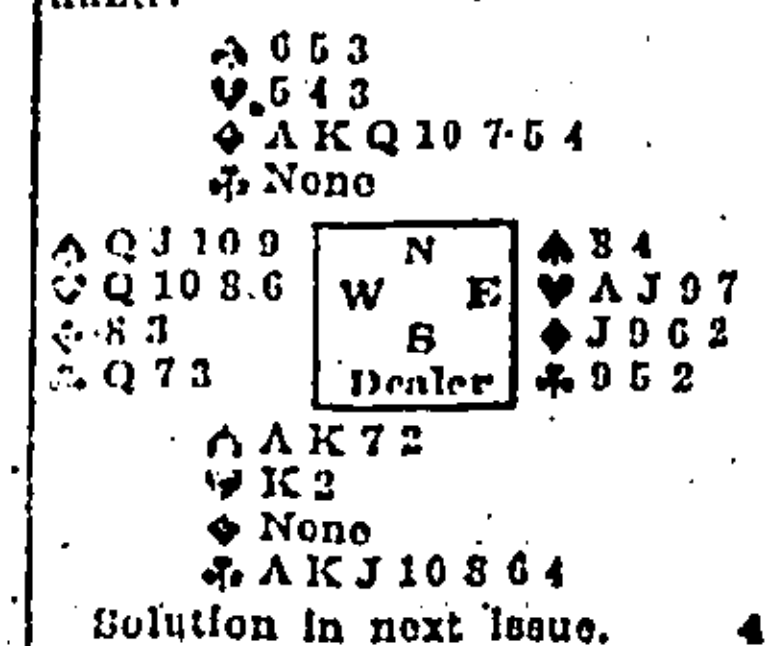
Mr. Gelsert then played his king of clubs and followed it with the queen, but overtook the queen with dummy's ace. He played the nine of clubs and picked up the last outstanding trump.

On the eight of clubs he discarded his losing ten of spades. This was one of the most unusual plays in bridge.

A diamond was returned, won with the king, the ace cashed, and Mr. Gelsert "ruffed" another diamond in dummy with his last trump. Then he returned a spade, which gave him 13 tricks for his grand slam.

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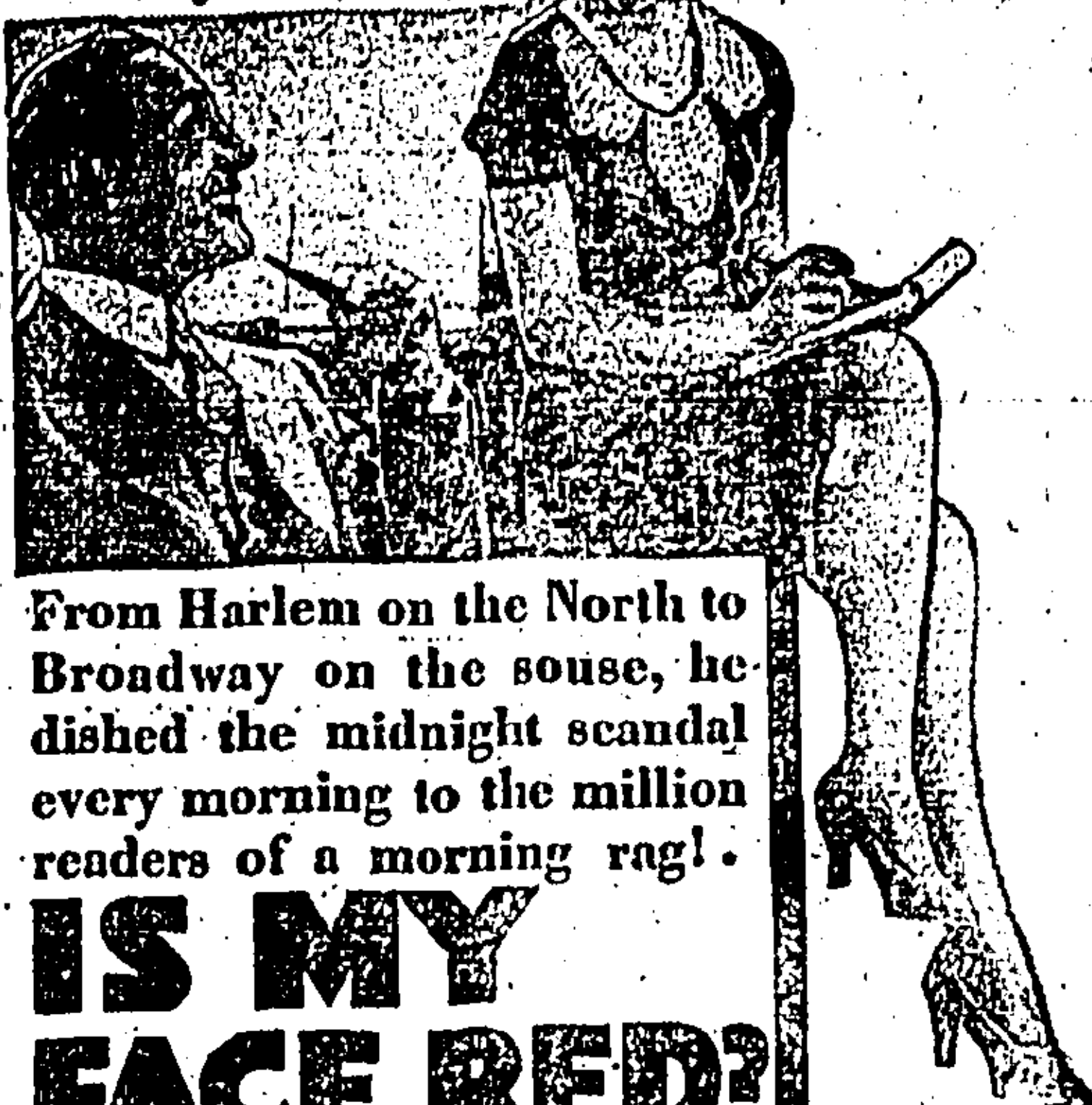
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LONDON COMMENT ON
DEBT QUESTION

London, Dec. 13.
Commenting on the recent
speech of the President of the
Reichsbank, Dr. Schacht, on Ger-
man indebtedness, *The Times* in
the City Column points out that
it is natural that debtors every-
where should wish to take advan-
tage of apparently exceptional op-
portunities for obtaining conces-
sions from creditors. But if they
wish to preserve this credit they
must avoid giving the impression
of the wish to exploit the present
temporary situation. Debts con-
tracted as a result of the War are
now being reduced in a variety
of ways. The working capital of
Germany was destroyed and she
has since been dependent on for-
eign sources for capital needs.
But her present debts, although
they may be difficult to meet in
existing circumstances, should not
prove too burdensome in the fu-
ture.

Germany will balance or
diminish her future credit by her
manner of treating her creditors
now. *The Times* adds.—*British
Wireless*.

MR. LANSBURY BETTER

COMFORTABLE FOLLOWING
OPERATION

London, Dec. 13.
Mr. George Lansbury, the
Labour leader, who broke his
thigh last Saturday and underwent
an operation on Monday, passed a
good night and is quite comfort-
able.—*British Wireless*.

SIR A. PARK LYLE
DEAD

WELL-KNOWN SCOTTISH
PHILANTHROPIST

London, Dec. 13.
The death has occurred of Sir
Alexander Park Lyle, wealthy
Scottish shipowner and philan-
thropist.

Alexander Park Lyle, was born
in Scotland in August 1849, and
educated at the Greenock Academy.
His father was Abram Lyle, the
founder of a large sugar-refining
business at Greenock, with which
he combined shipping. His
mother's name was Park.

Sir Alexander steadily developed
the shipping side of his father's
business, replacing the small boats
which had done duty for years by
larger modern vessels and adding
to their number until he had a big
fleet, run as a separate concern
under the control of the Lyle Ship-
ping Company of Glasgow.

Meanwhile he was made presi-
dent of the Greenock Chamber of
Commerce. He was also president
of the local Philosophical Society.

A generous supporter of various
public schemes, he took up with
enthusiasm a proposal to erect at
Edinburgh Castle a National
Memorial to Scotsmen who had lost
their lives in the War. The pro-
ject was a costly one, but he was
among the foremost in pressing it
through to adoption. Going fre-
quently to Edinburgh with the
architect, Sir Robert Lorimer, he
kept a close watch on the progress
of the work. The money did not
come in quite so rapidly as was
hoped, however, and a point was
reached at which the committee in
charge had to talk of suspending
the work for a time. Sir Alexan-
der at once intervened with such
generosity that the project was

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DURING LAST WEEK OF
JANUARY

The Hongkong Amateur-Drama-
tic Club are to stage a show next
month, and patrons of the art of
the theatre will be pleased to learn
that the unbroken succession of
plays is thus to be continued. The
date of production is set for the
last week of January, but the name
of the piece is not yet available.
Whatever it may be, local residents
are assured of a treat, with the
best available talent—and there
is a great deal such in the Colony
at present—engaged.

The question of a theatre has
naturally cropped up with renewed
urgency this year: the old Theatre
Royal is now but a memory, and
the difficulty of obtaining one of
the cinemas for several shows is
obvious; but the public will be glad
to learn that this has been success-
fully overcome. The A.D.C. are to
play in the new Royal Naval Can-
pion theatre, which is a comfort-
able place, seating about 500 peo-
ple, and thus adequate for the pur-
pose. It is expected that the usual
enthusiastic support will be given
the Club in its forthcoming effort,
further details of which will be
available in due course.

completed without further delay.
The cost to him is stated to have
been £50,000. For this public ser-
vice he was created a baronet in
March 1929. In October of that
year he gave £10,000 to the nation
by forwarding that sum to the
Chancellor of the Exchequer as a
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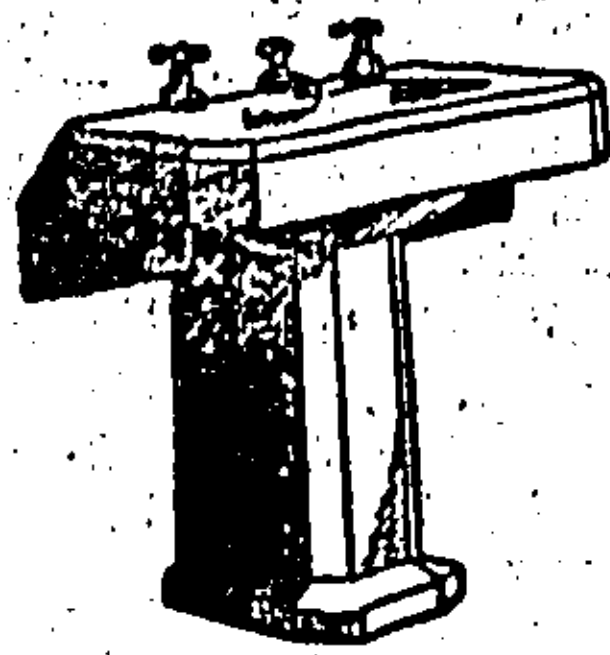


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Sir John Simon's
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London, Dec. 14.
It is understood that as the outcome of yesterday's Cabinet meeting, Britain will make a supreme effort to re-weave the threads of the disarmament conference.

It is stated that Sir John Simon will spend the Christmas Recess "holidaying" on the Continent. He will be particularly attracted by the charms of Rome, Paris, Geneva and possibly Berlin. —Reuter.

FRANCE RESENTFUL

SIR JOHN SIMON'S MISSION

FRANCO-GERMAN MEDIATOR

London, Dec. 14.

Reuter understands that Sir John Simon's European tour during the Christmas Recess will be largely devoted to effecting a Franco-German rapprochement and to sounding Signor Mussolini regarding his precise attitude to the League.

A considerable section of the French press is protesting against the idea of Great Britain adopting the role of intermediary in order to bring about direct Franco-German discussions.

Echo de Paris complains that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon no longer confine themselves to the passive role of advisers, which France requested them to play. According to the Journal, the British Foreign Office is actively endeavouring to discourage any efforts of French circles who are opposed to bilateral negotiations between France and Germany. The paper expresses hope that the French Government will remain firm since such bilateral negotiations can only be successful at the expense of France's Allies in central and eastern Europe.

VACILLATING POLICY.

Oeuvre observes that it is not doubtful that, in the event of a conflict, Great Britain would side with France, but it is nevertheless to be feared that Great Britain's decision would come too late.

Volante likewise deplores Great Britain's "vacillating policy" and hopes that the French Government will, in any case, remain loyal to "the flag of Geneva."

LARGE IMPORTS OF LIQUOR

American Authorisation Given

Washington, Dec. 13.

Permits to import over 5,500,000 gallons of liquor during the next four months have been given by the Federal Alcohol Control Administration.

The allotments cover spirits, wines, beers and other beverages and include 35,000 gallons from China. —Reuter.

Notice has been given of the forthcoming wedding of Mr. Gordon Lowe, salesman of Lane, Crawford's, living at 81, Po Hong Road, Kowloon City, and Miss Chan Kin-man.

VEHICULAR FERRY PIER REPAIRS

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Two votes totalling \$278,000 were approved without discussion in Legislative Council this afternoon, covering the cost of additional work done and to be done on the Vehicular Ferry piers.

An official statement was made dealing with criticisms recently levelled against the P.W.D. in connection with the construction of the piers.

The Colonial Secretary said:— I rise to move the next two Resolutions standing in my name and with the permission of Council I should like to take them together.

The first refers to the additional funds required for the expenditure of the Vehicular Ferry Piers during the current year and the second to the additional expenditure on the same service in 1934.

It will be recalled that in 1932 additional works costing \$170,000 were authorised by a Resolution of the Council bringing the revised estimated total cost to \$1,679,000. Actually these additional works cost \$185,200, that is \$6,200 more than the amount then asked for.

When the Piers came into use it was considered necessary to provide various offices and fittings—rickshaw shelters, latrines, clocks, book-stalls, money-changers shops, telephone booths, etc., the cost of which amounts to \$10,800.

It has also been found necessary as the result of experience in working to make changes in the winding gear for ramps and to strengthen the fendering of the piers at a cost of \$26,000. Repairs to the piers caused by damage in the early stages of the service before the Coxswains became proficient in the handling of the new vessels cost a further \$22,000.

As Honorable Members are aware doubts have been expressed as to the suitability of the piers for the work for which they are intended and in consequence the Government with the concurrence of the Naval Authorities invited Mr. C. A. G. St. John Kneller, Superintendent Civil Engineer of H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, to report on the piers.

Mr. Kneller has furnished the Government with a valuable report which, while it offers no serious criticisms of the general principles of the structures, recommends certain improvements with a view to increasing the ability of the piers to resist the shocks which are inevitable in the working of a rapid ferry system in waters liable to periods of rough weather. The improvements recommended are:—

(a) The provision of a "round head" at the end of the West Arm.

(b) The Completion of the strengthening of the fendering now in progress.

(c) The provision of additional timber fendering.

(d) Improved and strengthened fendering at the ends of the ordinary ferry berths.

(e) The deposit of additional rubble round the piles.

The cost of these improvements is estimated at \$124,000.

TOTAL COST: \$185,000.

The total cost of the new work including the \$5,200 excess cost of the additional works authorised at the end of 1932 amounts in round figures to \$185,000, of which \$46,000 falls to be expended in 1933 and \$139,000 in 1934. The difference between the former sum and the sum of \$139,000 asked for in the Resolution relating to 1933 is a reserve of a portion of the sums authorised in previous resolutions but not expended in the years to which the Resolutions applied.

The total cost of the piers including the new works now proposed is estimated at \$1,864,000. I understand that during the last few months alarmist reports



Miss Betty Compston, snapped on the Riviera with Mr. Jimmy Walker. Miss Compston yesterday married her manager, Irving Weinberg.

BETTY COMPSTON WEDS

MARRIED TO HER MANAGER

New York, Dec. 14.

A message from Albuquerque, New Mexico, announces that the film star, Miss Betty Compston, has married her manager, Irving Weinberg.

The announcement has taken many people by surprise. Miss Compston's name was connected with that of Mr. Jimmy Walker, ex-Mayor of New York, during his visit to Europe. They spent a great deal of time together on the Riviera, and Mr. Walker soon afterwards obtained a divorce from his wife. —Reuter.

DR. CYRIL NORWOOD LEAVING HARROW

Next President of St. John's, Oxford

London, Dec. 14.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, the headmaster of Harrow School, is relinquishing the headship next summer to take up the Presidency of St. John's College, Oxford, to which he was elected to-day. —Reuter.

RADIO TALK FROM INDIA

FIRST RECEPTION IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 13.

The first wireless programme from India was sent to England to-day and radiated over the Empire Service of the Broadcasting Corporation.

The programme was opened by a short speech by Lord Brounour, who five days ago took over the Governorship of Bombay. —British Wireless.

have been circulated in the Colony regarding the stability of the Ferry Piers.

Honorable members will be glad to know that there is no basis for these rumours.

The Government took the precaution to send one of its Engineers to America to study the latest designs for the working of Vehicular Ferries before embarking upon the present works and the piers have been designed with a full knowledge of ferry piers elsewhere. Admittedly we had no local experience of the berthing of vehicular ferries of the size of those now in use, and the design of the fendering had to be to some extent experimental. It would appear from experience that the provision of stronger buffers and fendering would have been advisable in the first instance, but this would of course have resulted in a more expensive structure involving the additional works now suggested. It is anticipated that the expenditure of the sums now asked for will obviate all causes of complaint in the future provided the vessels are handled with average skill.

ICY ARCTIC GALE AND DROUGHT

UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF BAD WEATHER

COUNTRY FREEZES

London, Dec. 14.

The British Isles are at present afflicted with a combination of severe weather conditions, scarcely preceded within living memory, with an unusual mixture of Arctic temperatures, violent gales and a drought.

Smashed almost to pieces by violent seas off the Suffolk Coast, a steamer sank before the eyes of lifeboatmen who had fought their way through in answer to signals of distress.

It is bitterly cold, the whole country is freezing and an acute water shortage has developed, causing restrictions to be imposed in a number of big cities.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FIRE DISASTER

The situation is more serious than during the summer drought. Then it was chiefly the rural areas that suffered the effects of the dearth of rain.

To-day, the abnormally low rainfall of the year is seriously inconveniencing all parts of the country. No rain has fallen for some time and restrictions have been imposed in

Bristol,
Leicester,
Liverpool,
Manchester,
Sheffield,
Newcastle.

The level of the Thames is the lowest for many years.

The water shortage considered hampered efforts to fight a serious outbreak of fire in the town of Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

The blaze got a good hold and before full pressure could be obtained, half a dozen houses and shops had been gutted and fifty people rendered homeless.

Meanwhile, an icy north-easterly gale is blowing, in a manner unequalled for six years. It started to blow hard yesterday morning and has seemed to increase in severity. Cross channel steamer services have stopped.

SHIPPING THRILLS.

Heavy demands have been made on lifeboat crews all round the coast. There have been many exciting rescues, but none were saved in a disaster off the Suffolk

coast, where an unidentified steamer found herself breaking up after vainly trying to battle her way through boisterous seas into port and sent out distress signals.

The lifeboat had almost got alongside the doomed ship when she sank before their eyes. It is believed that the vessel carried a crew of twelve. Not one of them was saved. —Reuter.

WORST WEATHER OF WINTER

London, Dec. 13.

The fiercest gale of the winter swept along the British coasts to-day and was particularly severe in the English Channel.

Some of the cross-Channel boats were diverted from Dover to Calais, and all sailings were curtailed. Those venturing the crossing experienced the roughest weather this winter, tossing in raging sea, with great waves breaking over them. Lifeboats around the coasts had many calls and some anxiety was for a time felt for the safety of a large Finnish-owned four-masted barque, Lawhill, which left London last week for Australia and will take part in the annual grain race next year.

Off Deal, the Lawhill found herself in danger of being hurled ashore. She dropped her anchors and held her position 400 yards off the shore until the Dover tug towed her clear. All cross-Channel cargo services were cancelled. Several fishing boats are overdue. —British Wireless.

HIGH COST OF RECOVERY

ROOSEVELT WANTS MINIMUM OF \$6,000,000,000

Washington, Dec. 13.

The colossal cost of the Roosevelt recovery programme is partly revealed in an official announcement on the financial proposals for the coming year.

It is stated that the Administration is preparing for an Appropriation demand of a minimum of \$6,000,000,000, of which \$2,600,000,000 will be regarded as ordinary budget expenditure.

The remainder will be employed for extraordinary emergency expenditure in connection with the reconstruction programme, involving disbursements required after February 15 next, when the present funds will be exhausted.

It may be noted that these enormous estimates do not include the requirements of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which cannot be forecast. —Reuter.

Commander G. F. Holt and Mrs. Holt returned from home leave by the P. and O. liner Naldora to-day.



Much interest was centred yesterday in the double wedding in which the respective couples were Mr. Fung Ping fan and Miss Ivy Kan (left), and Mr. Fung Ping wah and Miss Doris Li (right). All are members of known local Chinese families. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

STATE-ASSISTED SHIPPING

Action Demanded in Britain

London, Dec. 13.

The House of Commons to-night discussed the motion of a private member, Dr. Leach, calling attention to the effect upon British shipping and the shipbuilding industries of uneconomic State-assisted foreign competition and urging the Government to take immediate steps to assist and defend these vital and important industries. —British Wireless.

SHIPPING SUBSIDIES

STRONG DISLIKE IN NORWAY

MR. MATHIESON'S APPEAL

Oslo, Dec. 13.

A strong dislike of shipping subsidies as an instrument to stimulate the shipping trade was expressed by Mr. A. H. Mathieson, president at a meeting of the Norwegian Shipping Association here to-day.

Mr. Mathieson declared: "We will have no subsidies." He expressed regret that a cry for subsidies is now coming from Great Britain—the "home of Free Trade."

Concluding, Mr. Mathieson contended that subsidies represented danger to the whole of world trade and he urged co-operation among non-subsidy countries in regard to remedies. —Reuter.

PRINCE VISITS UNEMPLOYED

GETS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

London, Dec. 13.

When the Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Council of Social Services, began a three days' tour of Yorkshire at Hull to-day, he was given an enthusiastic welcome by the unemployed men of the city, four of whose clubs he visited.

In these clubs he inspected the men's activities and talked to them, with an entire absence of formality, on a variety of subjects. The Prince also visited the handicraft centre for crippled children.

Afterwards, he drove to Beverley, to visit a hostel where unemployed boys receive agricultural training, then went on to York, where he visited more unemployed centres and opened a Boys' Club. —British Wireless.

FREE STATE CRISIS ON BLUE SHIRT ISSUE

GOVERNMENT PROSTITUTING POWERS

Dublin, Dec. 13.

The ban on the Blue Shirt organisation, which has been followed by swift action, including the seizure of the headquarters of the United Ireland Party, was discussed in the Senate to-day, on the motion for adjournment.

Senator Milroy challenged the Government to produce any evidence to justify their actions. He declared that the Blue Shirts stood for the end of rule by the gun-bully. The Government was merely prostituting its powers to party purposes.

STORM TROOPS.

Mr. Rutledge, Minister for Home Affairs, accused the Blue Shirts, in his reply, of seeking to establish a Dictatorship. He asked what purely political party had a uniform, a quartermaster and issued orders.

The Minister quoted a document which said that the Blue Shirts hoped to muster a hundred thousand men, of which fifty thousand would be "inner circle" men. "Storm troops, in other words," he said.

HEADQUARTERS CLOSED.

In the last few days, since Mr. de Valera announced that the ban on the Blue Shirts would be enforced, the Morrison Square headquarters of the United Ireland Party have been seized and the party's printers have been forbidden to print any further literature under pain of prosecution.

The premises of the Young Ireland organisation have been forcibly closed while Commandant Cronin, the Secretary, has been arrested in County Donagall and is to appear before a military tribunal for wearing a blue shirt.

O'DUFFY'S PLANS.

General O'Duffy defied the ban by wearing a blue shirt, but slipped through a police cordon and is believed to have crossed the border into Ulster territory.

It is stated, however, that after he has arranged his affairs in Northern Ireland, he will return to the Free State and allow himself to be arrested.

It is reported that the United Ireland Party have decided to institute proceedings against the Dublin police for closing their headquarters. —Reuter.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Buddy Chu, manager of the New Theatre, living at 1, Kan U Tong, to Miss Chang Yock-han, of 837, Kennedy Road.



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A black velvet afternoon coat (left) by Lucile Paray has wide bands of silver black fox trimming which are detachable. The coat fastens all the way across in front and ties with a sash of self material. The sleeves are long enough to allow them to wrinkle fashionably at the wrist. When you want to wear a coat without fur, simply unsnap the band across the front and remove the capelet. Another afternoon coat (right) of grey velvet is an unusual model created by Worth. The large bow and the sleeves are of black seal.

By Rosette Hargrove

Paris.—It is almost impossible to contemplate the winter season without a warm and comfortable coat. However charming and youthful a suit may be, it can never assume the responsibilities of a winter coat. Anyway, every woman includes some kind of a coat in her autumnal scheme of things, and it is almost just as much of a tradition as wood fires, falling leaves and other signs of the season.

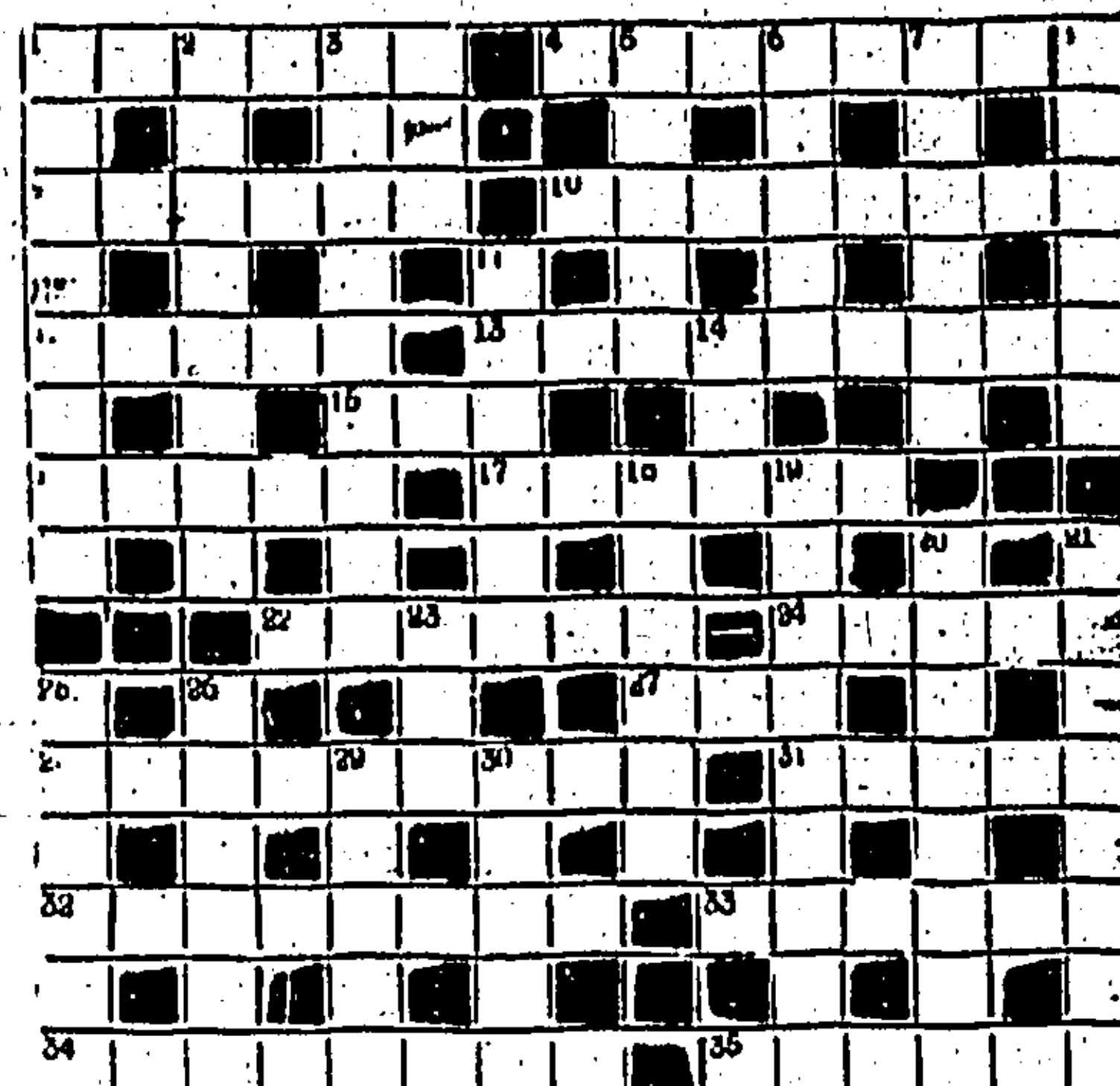
The winter coat nearly always has to be semi-formal, being often-times called upon to do duty as an all-day affair, so it usually boasts of some subtle cut and trimming

feature which puts it in a category have an almost straight line at the hem.

This year there is no one type of long coat. Every couturier has evolved his own particular ideas on it in his own manner. The result is inclined to be a little disconcerting, but there are nevertheless some features which recur with sufficient regularity throughout the numerous collections which may be taken as a general guide.

The princess line is most favoured. The new models hug the figure and the waist is pinched in, but not chie, but even the tiniest strip has too ostensibly so. Shoulders are to be in the right place to relieve still worn wide, but the width has smartness. Again, certain furs dropped below instead of being "go" with certain fabrics, so that heaped above as before, and the the question of the winter coat is skirt is so slightly blued as to a matter for serious study.

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Across

- Called, but not lately.
- There is an art—or tip—in getting the likeness.
- A slice may be about.
- Throwing.
- Very little and stale, may be, at that.
- It sounds as though the entertainment meant something in the way of a medical curative regime.
- A feminine article used by Frenchmen.
- The lowest point of a drain.
- Save.
- Inventor.
- It's so simple.
- Knot.
- Such a sinner is not, necessarily, an alarm.
- It pays to bring it to the mill.
- Less calm than formerly.
- Like an animal.
- This may yet preserve our British woods.
- Scamper.

Down

- A horse, not two.
- The first name of a famous old master.
- When this, a tyre covers more ground.
- Earth as known to the painter.
- So described, an agreement is rather non-committal.
- A siren got up to lead one astray.

These garments are rather theatrical in appearance, don't you think?

- Directs cattle.
- The goddess who helps to make one desolate.
- This bit moves in its own circle.
- In grey cap (anag.).
- Clergyman.
- Of the mind or out of mind if so unfit.
- American State that's short.
- If patient, it may do you good.
- Disregard.
- Vapours.
- Lifeless in the beginning.

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THE UNKNOWN BLONDE

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BY LAURA LOU
BROOKMAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY

Who killed TRACY KING, orchestra leader found dead in his apartment?
DAVID BANNISTER, author, former newspaper reporter, undertakes to find out.
Police are searching for an "unknown blonde" who visited King shortly before his death. Bannister has seen this girl, but she has disappeared since.
HUGHAN SCULLAGH, who wrote King a threatening letter, is in jail. He declares his innocence. Bannister works on the case with 3. HADOLAH GAINKY, star reporter of the Post. In the dead man's apartment Bannister picks up an old-fashioned wedding picture which he keeps.
AL DRUGAN, friend of King's, says the orchestra leader has been having trouble with JOE PARLOTT, his former vaudeville partner, and accuses ParloTT of the murder. Bannister tells CAPTAIN MCNEAL of the detective bureau about a quarrel between King and MELVINA HOLLISTER, middle-aged spinster, after King's cat killed her canary. McNEAL decides to investigate.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER XVIII

McNeal parked the police car and climbed out, following Bannister. Half-way to the entrance of the Shelby Arms, the door opened. A group of young people—three men and two girls—appeared. They were laughing and talking rather noisily. The girls wore evening wraps over bright dresses. One of the men had on a top hat.
As Bannister and McNeal passed them the girl in the fur jacket was singing the words of a popular song.
McNeal snorted. "A lot of difference it makes to them that a man was murdered here last night!"

"No," said Bannister soberly, "I don't suppose it does."
They went inside the hotel. The entrance looked almost exactly as it had that afternoon. The same girl sat at the switchboard. Link, the clerk, was speaking over a telephone. He put down the instrument as they approached.
"Good evening, Captain McNeal," he said with elaborate cordiality. "Good evening! Is there anything—"

McNeal interrupted, explaining briefly why they had come. A few moments later he and Bannister stood before a doorway in the second floor corridor.

McNeal knocked but there was no answer. He knocked a second time, louder. A third knock and the captain began to fume impatiently. "They're there!" he scolded. "Link said so. I'll—"
The words died as they heard a bolt turned in the door. Then the door opened inward slowly. Through a slit of not more than two inches a voice asked sharply, "Who is it?"

McNeal's answer was prompt and impressive. There was a moment of delay. Then the door opened wider. Through the opening a woman peered out at them. Evidently she was satisfied or concluded it would be best to comply with McNeal's request, for she stepped back and said in the same sharp tone, "You can come in."
There was a single lamp in the room, a reading lamp of rather old-fashioned design. Beneath the beaded fringe of the lamp shade a bright glow fell in a circle six or seven feet across. Beyond this circle the room was almost in darkness.

It took an instant for Bannister's eyes to accustom themselves to the dim light. Then he saw that the woman before them was tall and rather squarely built. Pale eyes measured the two men from head to foot. The woman's hair was worn in a pompadour fashion and fastened high on her head in a style of 25 years before. She had a large nose, dominating the slender face, and her thin lips were drawn into a straight line. Her dress was of dark silk, high at the neck, with a lace collar about the throat. Over her shoulders was drawn a small knitted jacket. She was an impressive figure and at the same time a forbidding one.

"You're Captain McNeal?" the woman asked, and the captain nodded.
The pale eyes darted toward Bannister. "Then who's he?" she demanded.
For an instant McNeal looked perplexed. Then he said shortly, "Friend of mine. We'd like to talk to you a few moments, Miss Hollister. I suppose we can sit down?"
She motioned toward chairs, sat

down, rather heavily in the nearest. Her odd, high-pitched voice went on sharply. "What'd you come here for?"

McNeal looked nettled. He was accustomed to doing the questioning himself. "We came," he said crisply, "to find out what you can tell us about a Tracy King, the young man who was murdered upstairs."

"Oh!" The line of Miss Hollister's lips became straighter than ever. There was a pause—a moment oddly tense—and then she went on. "I can tell you," she said, "that Tracy King was an evil man. He indulged in strong drink. He was sinful and dissipated. At night when decent folks were asleep in their beds he engaged in carrying-on I'd be ashamed to mention. His moral character—"

"Just a minute," McNeal interrupted. "How are you so sure of all this?"
Miss Hollister eyed him disdainfully. "My brother and I have lived in this hotel since the building was opened," she said. "We're respectable, law-abiding folks. The manager of the building can tell you we aren't complainers either. But during the last four months since that good-for-nothing Tracy King moved into the apartment above, this place has been bedlam! Bedlam!" she repeated emphatically. "Not a minute's sleep at

night. Horn-tooting and radios and jazz dancing at an hour's! Wind parties. I guess I know! I've got cars, haven't I? I've got eyes. Ask me how I know a thing like that!"

From the inflection of her voice it seemed that Captain McNeal should have waited instantly. But Captain McNeal did not wait.

"So his parties disturbed you, did they?" he said evenly. "Did you ever speak to him about it?"
The pale eyes flashed. "I certainly did," Miss Hollister said. "For a night or two it was quiet. Then—the same thing over again. What did Tracy King care how decent, respectable folks lost their sleep? He was an evil man, I tell you. It's the devil's work he was doing and the devil who came for him."

There was a slight noise behind them and Bannister turned. The door into the next room had opened and a man stood on the threshold. He was under average height—a little man with thinning gray hair and mild eyes behind spectacles. He wore a dark woolen house-jacket. For an instant he stood there, eyeing the group in some perplexity.

Before the new-comer could speak, Melvina had seen him. She turned sharply. "Matthew," she said, "you keep out of this!"

"Oh!" said the little man. "I didn't know—I was just wondering—"
He turned to withdraw, the words unfinished, but McNeal stopped him.

"Just a minute!" the captain called. "You're Miss Hollister's brother, aren't you? I want to see you."

The man looked back doubtfully. "No?" he asked. "You want to see me?"

"There's no reason to talk to Matthew!" Melvina Hollister put in. "He doesn't know anything about all this. There's no reason at all—"

"Excuse me, Miss Hollister," McNeal interrupted. "I'll ask my own questions, if you don't mind. And come here to see your brother a while, will you?"
Matthew Hollister came into his room. The flop-flop of his house slippers sounded monotonously and his eyes, resting on McNeal, seemed reproachful.

"They're policemen," Miss Hollister explained rather inaccurately. "They're here to ask about the man who was killed last night."
McNeal's mounting annoyance showed in his tone. "Mr. Hollister," he said, "I'm Captain McNeal and this is Mr. Bannister. We're from headquarters and I've been trying to find out from your sister what she knows about the shooting last night. So far I haven't learned much. Sit down, won't you? I'd like to hear your story." (Continued on Page 6.)

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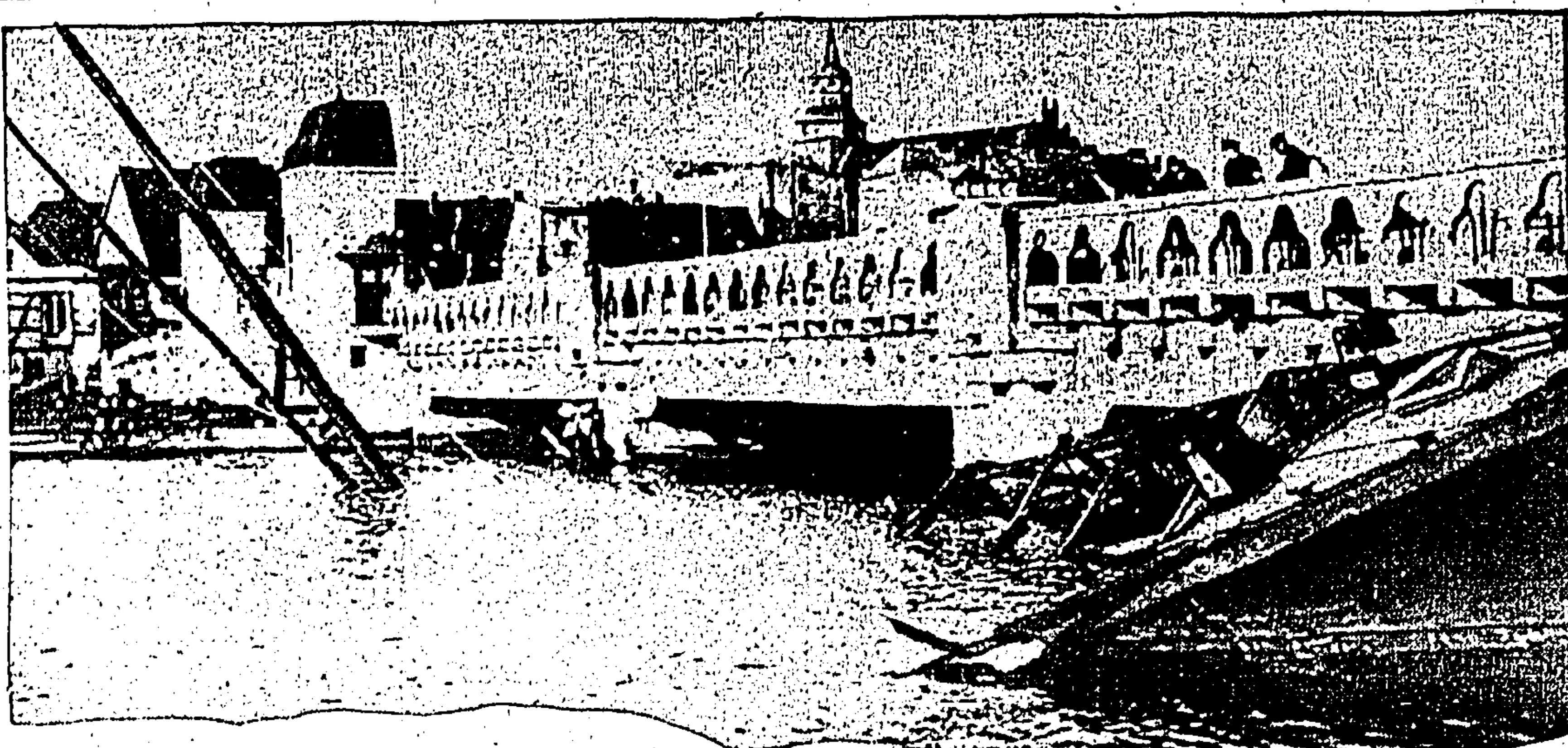
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A body of Italian Fascist machine-gunners carrying their weapons on their backs, a new method for the weapon, in a big review in Rome.



Prince George, pulling the rope to unfurl the flag from the disused mast of the Royal yacht Britannia, which the King gave to Royal Alfred Home for Aged Merchant Seamen at Bideford, Kent.



Mr. Frank Aiken, Irish Free State Minister of Defence, congratulating newly commissioned lieutenants in the Free State Army.



President von Hindenburg attended a special service in Berlin to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther. Photo shows the aged President leaving, followed by Dr. Meisner, the Secretary of State.



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(Continued from Page 3).

version of what happened." Matthew Hollister sat down. "Why, yes," he said in his vague tone. "Yes, of course." His eyes turned to his sister, questioningly. "First of all," said McNeal. "I want to know why I didn't see either of you this morning when I was questioning the other tenants."

"I must have been asleep," Miss Hollister told him. "And if I was, of course I wouldn't hear you. I often take a nap in the morning. We're early risers. Out of bed at 6.30. Matthew—"

"I'd prefer to have Matthew answer questions for himself," McNeal said firmly. He looked toward the little man.

"I don't know why I didn't see you," Matthew Hollister said nervously. "Unless I was out for a walk. I walk down to the city every morning." The routine questioning went on. Neither of the Hollisters admitted hearing a shot the night before. Melvina said she'd been visiting a cousin, a Mrs. Butterly who lived on Wyatt street. She'd come home, she declared, at 9.30. Matthew was dozing in his chair, with the radio turned on, when she arrived. Later, Melvina admitted, she'd heard a good deal of walking around and commotion overhead, but she thought it was just some of Tracy King's "carryings-on."

Both of them professed to know nothing of the shooting until they read the morning newspaper. For nearly an hour McNeal asked questions, but there was nothing new to be learned. At last he arose and Bannister followed. They said goodnight and left the apartment.

Outside in the corridor McNeal eyed the younger man. "Those two," he said, with a significant nod in the direction from which they had come, "they'll bear watching!"

(To be Continued.)

CONTRACT BRIDGE.

SECOND ROUND MATCHES

Second round matches of the Open Contract Bridge tournament will be played at the Sports Club this evening when four tables will be in use.

The following are the matches:
M. David and L. A. Tobias v. G. Komor and H. Kinchin (Table No. 1);
Mrs. Ho Ki and A. Zimmern v.

Mrs. F. S. Coote and Mrs. C. I. Warren (Table No. 2);
H. O. Odell and M. N. Rakusen v. R. E. Russell and D. A. O'Keefe (Table No. 3);

H. B. Joseph and H. S. Komor v. Major R. G. Lochner and Capt. E. C. J. Barry.

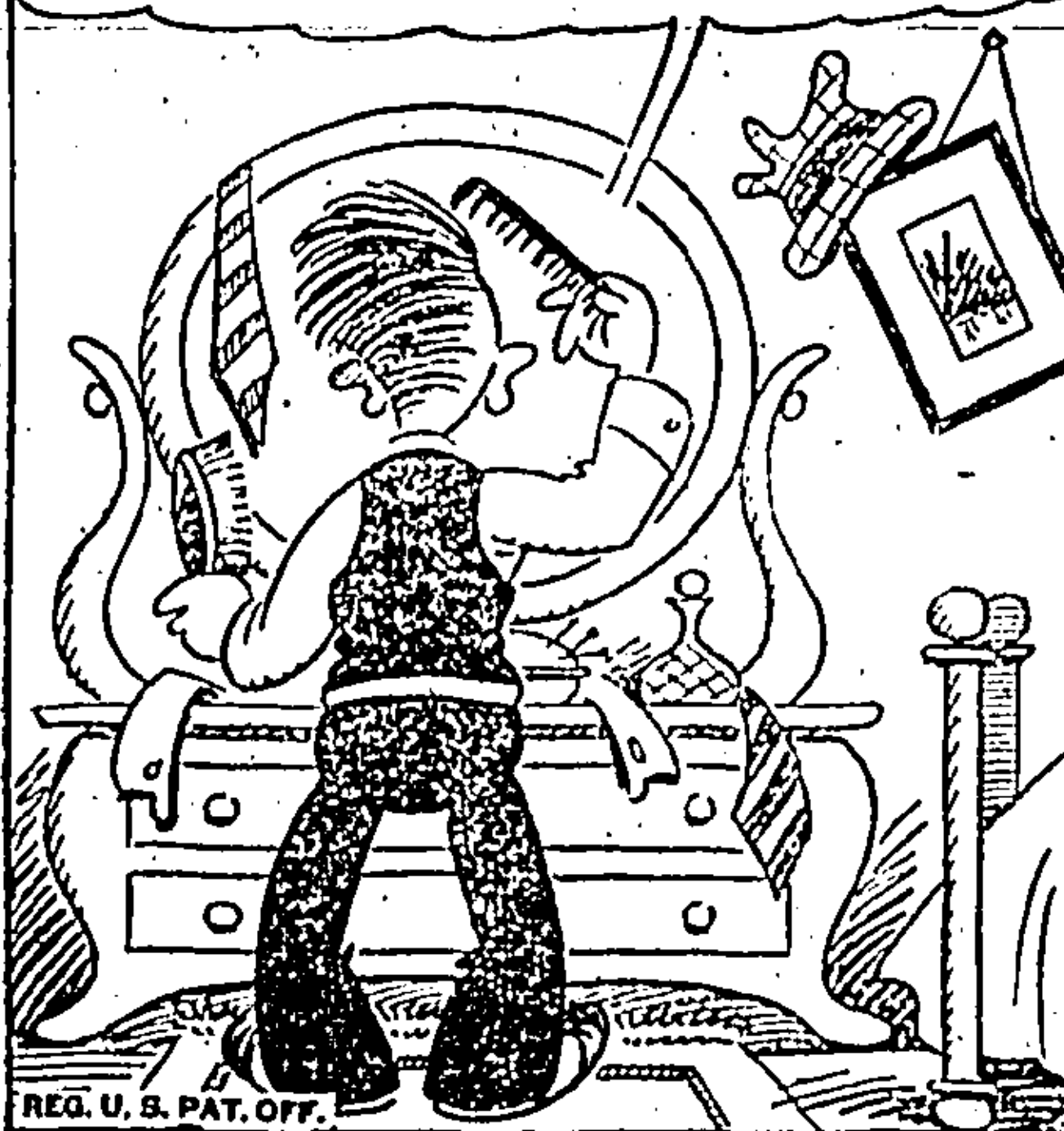
If they desire to enter for the Consolation Tournament the losers at Table No. 1 will be required to play at the Sports Club to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, while the losers at Tables Nos. 2, 3 and 4 will be required to play on Tuesday next at 6.30 p.m.

SALESMAN SAM

A Simple Thing to Figure Out

By Small

GOSH! I LOOK FIERCE THIS MORNING! I SUPPOSE WHEN I GET DOWN TO BREAKFAST THAT FRESH GUY HORN'LL ASK ME IF I WAS OUT ON A TOOT!



OH, OH! OUT WITH TH' LADS LAST NIGHT, HUH, SAM?

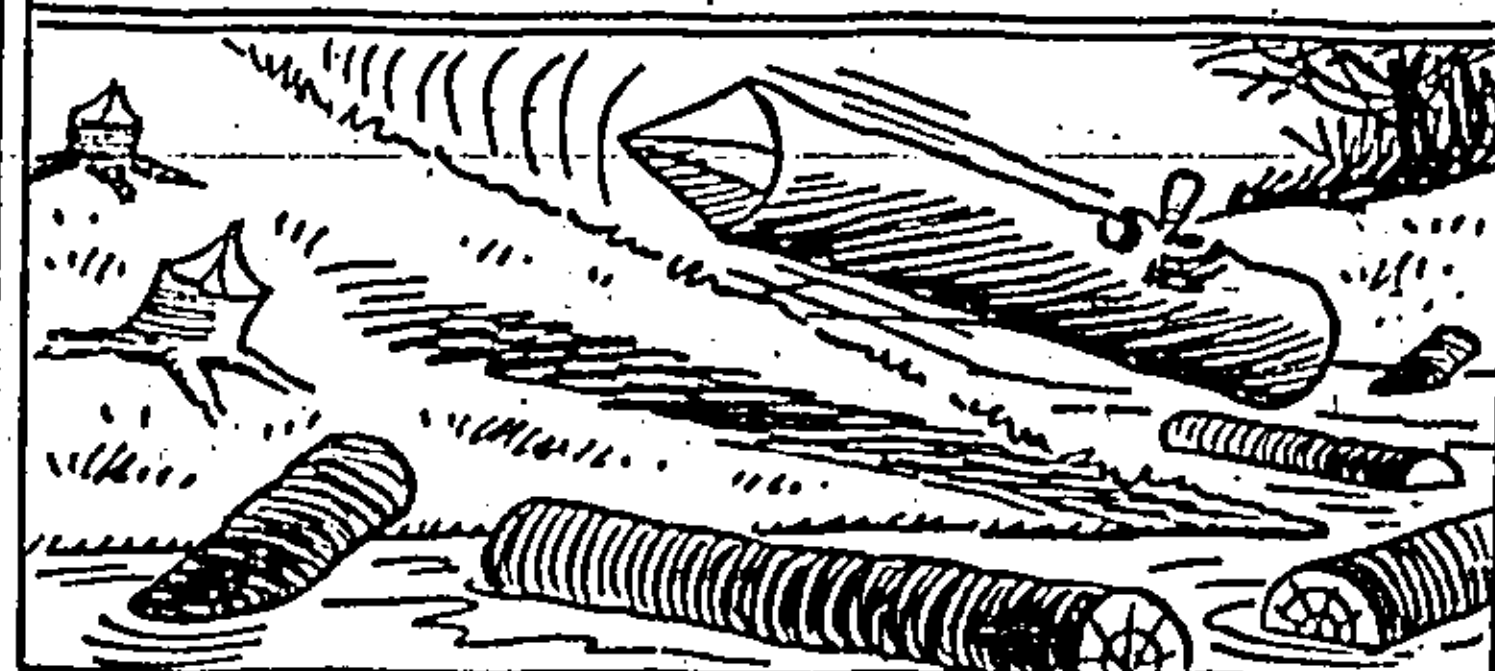


NAW, I WASN'T! TH' REASON I LOOK SO PUNK IS— I HAD A TERRIBLE DREAM!

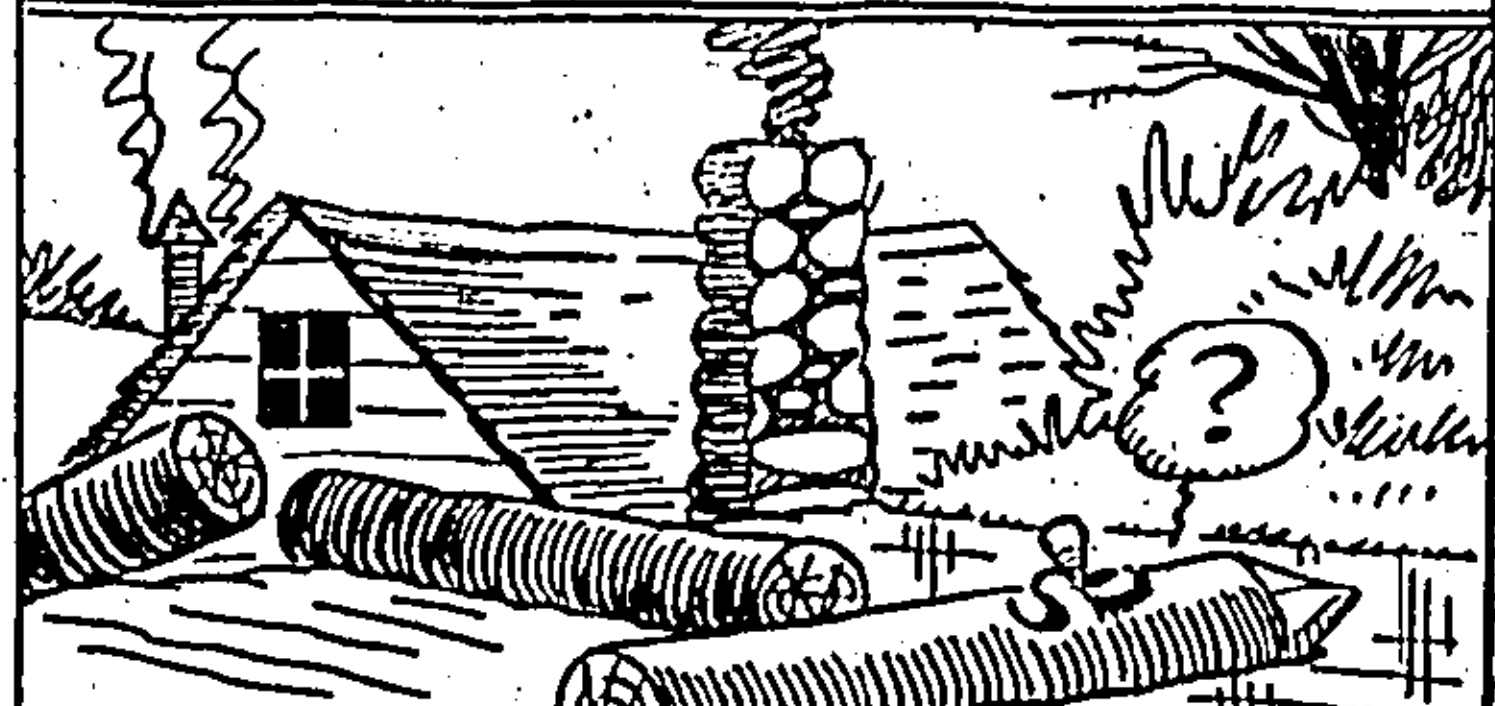
I DREAMT I WAS A BIG TREE, OUT IN TH' WOODS—ALONG COMES A WOODSMAN AND STARTS CHOPPIN' ME DOWN!



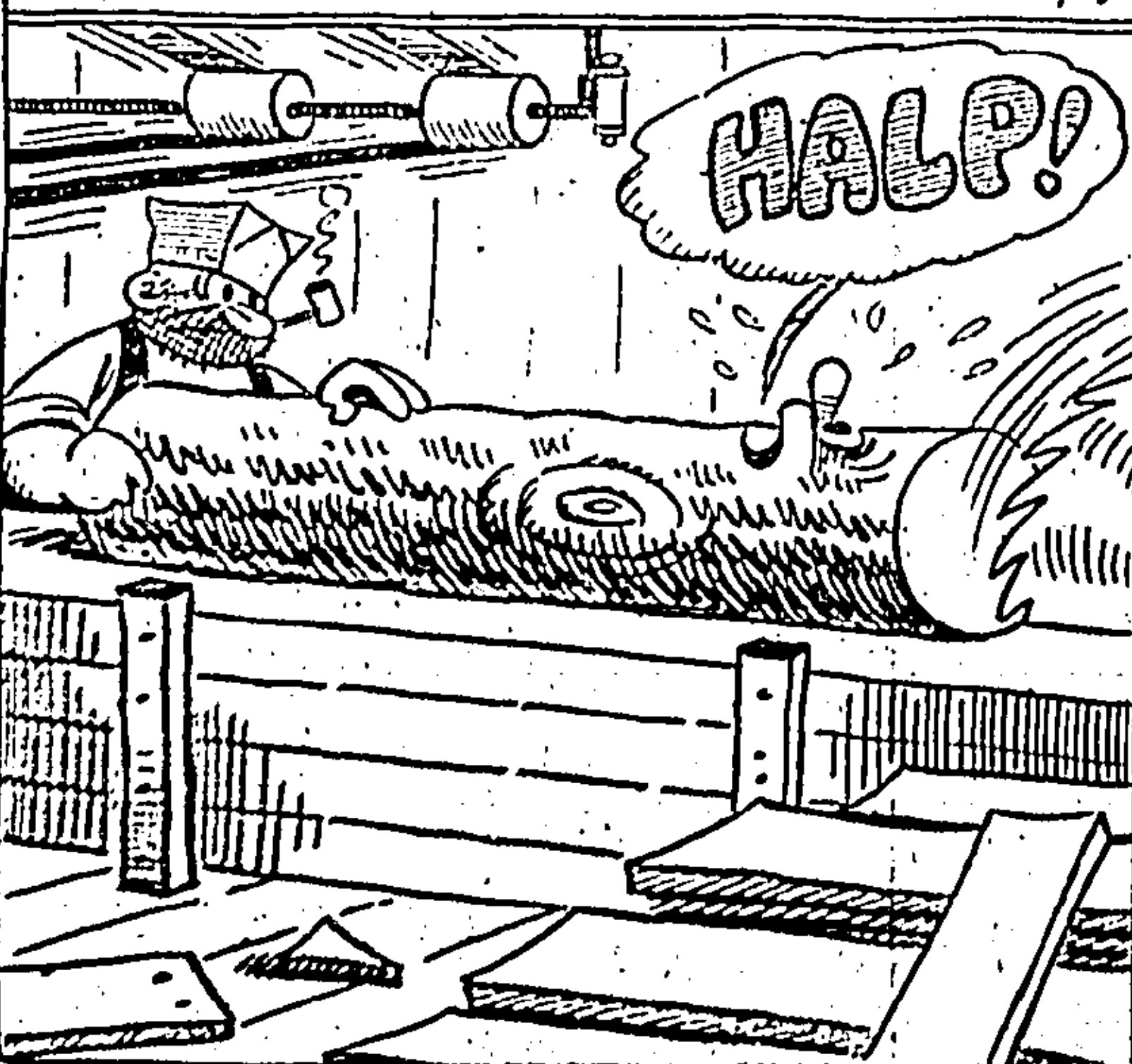
WE GIMME A PUSH AN' DOWN TH' HILL I WENT, INTO TH' RIVER.



HEADED STRAIGHT FER THE OLD SAW MILL!



AND, JEST AS I WAS ABOUT TO BE RIPPED IN HALF BY TH' BIG BUZZ SAW, I WOKE UP!



MIGOSH, MR. HORN, I CAN'T ACCOUNT FER HAVIN' A DREAM LIKE THAT!



YA MUSTA BEEN SLEEPIN' LIKE A LOG!



THE RIDDLE GRIDDLE

1. AT WHAT TIME BY THE CLOCK IS A PUN MOST EFFECTIVE?
2. WHEN IS A CUP LIKE A KITTEN?
3. WHY IS BREAD DOUGH LIKE THE SUN?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S RIDDLES

1. THE LETTER A IS LIKE A HONEYSUCKLE CAUSE THE B IS AFTER IT—(WOULDN'T THAT STING YA?)
2. A PAIR OF SHEARS DIVIDES BY UNITING—(GET YA DIDN'T GET THAT ONE?)
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"Three good tunes and a kick in the pants for your wow blackout. Can you make a hit show of it?" These are the first sentences in Bradford Ropes' novel, "42nd Street," and they colour the length of Warner Bros. new gigantic picture of the same name which opens on Sunday at the Queen's. In the picture, the words are addressed to Warner Baxter, who plays the role of a veteran stage director with a hundred hits to his credit. What he does to the three good tunes and the kick in the pants form the basis for "42nd Street." But not quite all of it. Warner Bros. have gathered together in this tale of the Kialto's backstage a gripping dramatic story of the theatre of to-day, of the problems, heartaches and tears, the good times, lighthearted camaraderie and carefree days, when there's money in the pocket, forty weeks more of work ahead, and nothing to worry about, all of which make up stage existence. Chorus girls—to the number of about one hundred and fifty—stars, directors, singers, songwriters, hoofers, crooners, comics, heavies, juveniles and ingenues—they're all there. And Warner Baxter, Bebe Daniels, George Brent, Una Merkel, Ruby Keeler (Mrs. Al Jolson), Guy Kibbee, Ned Sparks and Ginger Rogers. Warner Bros. were the first to try musical pictures on a lavish scale, and, enough was learned from them to assure the producers that there was a public demand for dramatic pictures with the music and dances. The result of some three years preparatory work on this theme has resulted in "42nd Street," perhaps the first picture to incorporate music and dance into the story in a dramatic manner.

"Red Dust" At the Oriental.

The co-starring of Clark Gable and Jean Harlow in "Red Dust," will be screened at the Oriental Theatre on Friday and Saturday, will prove of exceptional interest to movie patrons. Here are two of the most magnetic personalities on the screen in a vivid drama of China. Gable is a young overlord of a rubber plantation, who has beaten the loneliness, fever, deadly heat and blinding dust storms that have broken so many men. Miss Harlow is a girl who tries to win a place in the overlord's affections. Enter another woman, in the person of Mary Astor, as the aristocratic. The possibilities for dramatic conflict and emotional crises are obvious. The picture directed by Victor Fleming of "Wet Parade" fame, is reported to be one of the outstanding productions in the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer calendar for the coming year.

"Mystery of the Wax Museum"

Many of the scenes in "The Mystery of the Wax Museum," the Warner Bros. picture that commenced its run yesterday at the Queen's and which is said to be the most exciting thriller of the year, were of necessity made behind locked doors, as the girls who appear as models for a wax sculptor, were required to appear in what is known to the art world as "the altogether." In order to reproduce exact likenesses of these girls' figures, plaster casts were made of their bodies first. Then the casts were used for the wax reproductions. Lionel Atwill, who plays the leading role as the sculptor is said to give a performance of haunting power and uncanny reality. After a fire which melts and totally destroys his London collection of wax effigies of famous beauties and infamous characters of history, he comes to a large American city, where his increasing display of amazingly lifelike "statues" in the nude arouses the suspicions of the police. Glenda Farrell plays the feminine lead as an up-to-the-minute girl reporter who ferrets out the mystery, saves the life of a girl "model" who is about to be the victim of a maniac, sees that a number of twisted love affairs including her own go straight. Others in the big cast are the beautiful Fay Wray, Frank McHugh, Allen Vincent, Holmes Herbert, Monica Bannister, Edwin Maxwell, Gavin Gordon, Arthur Edmund Carewe, De Wille Jennings, Pat O'Malley and Thomas Jackson. Michael Curtiz directed with his usual Continental flair for the mysterious sensational.

"Perfect Understanding"

Ever since Gloria Swanson announced several months ago that she intended producing a picture with an English locale, fans have awaited its showing with considerable curiosity. It is now showing at the King's Theatre. Smart, sophisticated, subtle, with a spice of humour and a touch of sadness, it has all the ingredients for a roaring success. Gloria herself shows all the ability and scintillating personality which has marked her former successes, and in addition she has developed to a marked degree the tenderness which was a feature of "The Trespasser." Gloria has in "Perfect Understanding" a role which

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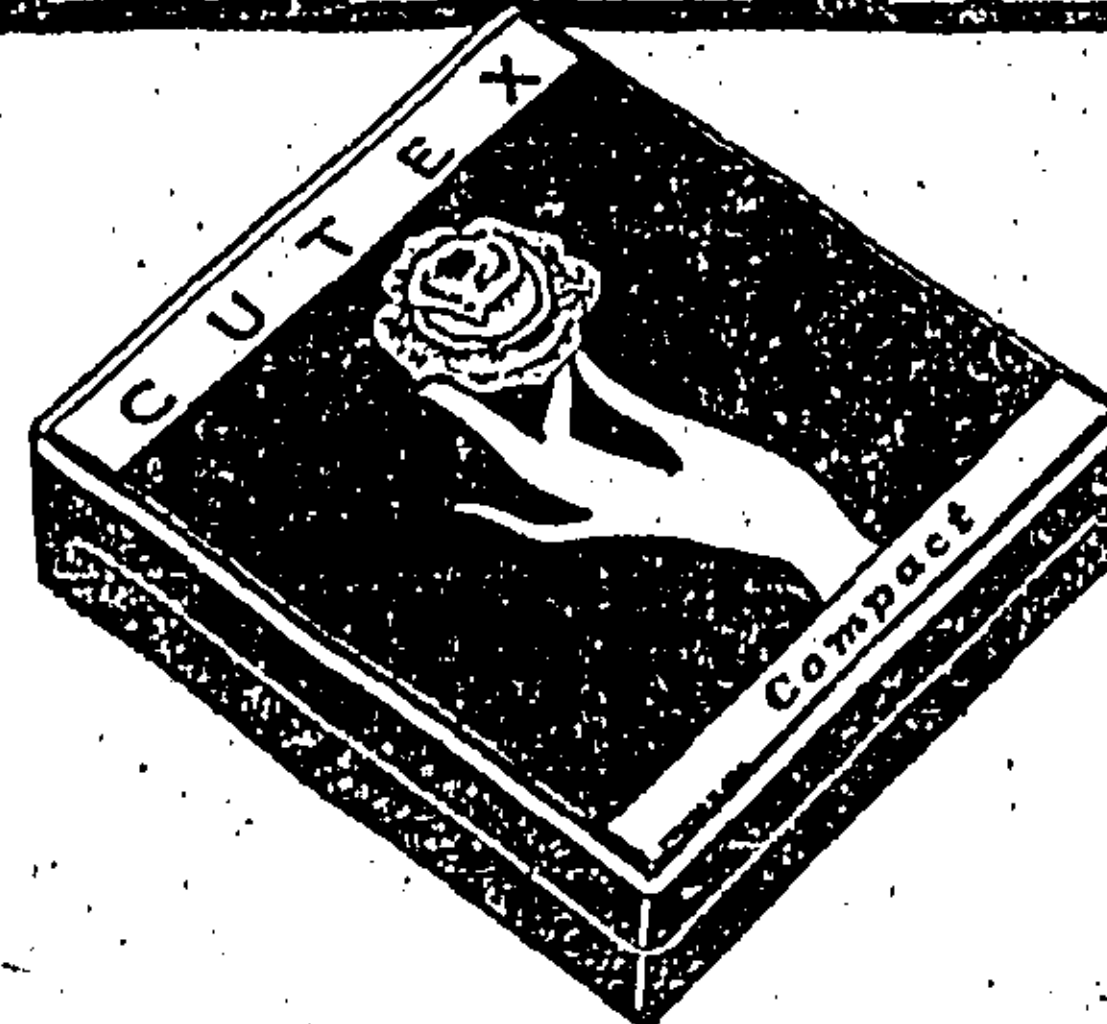
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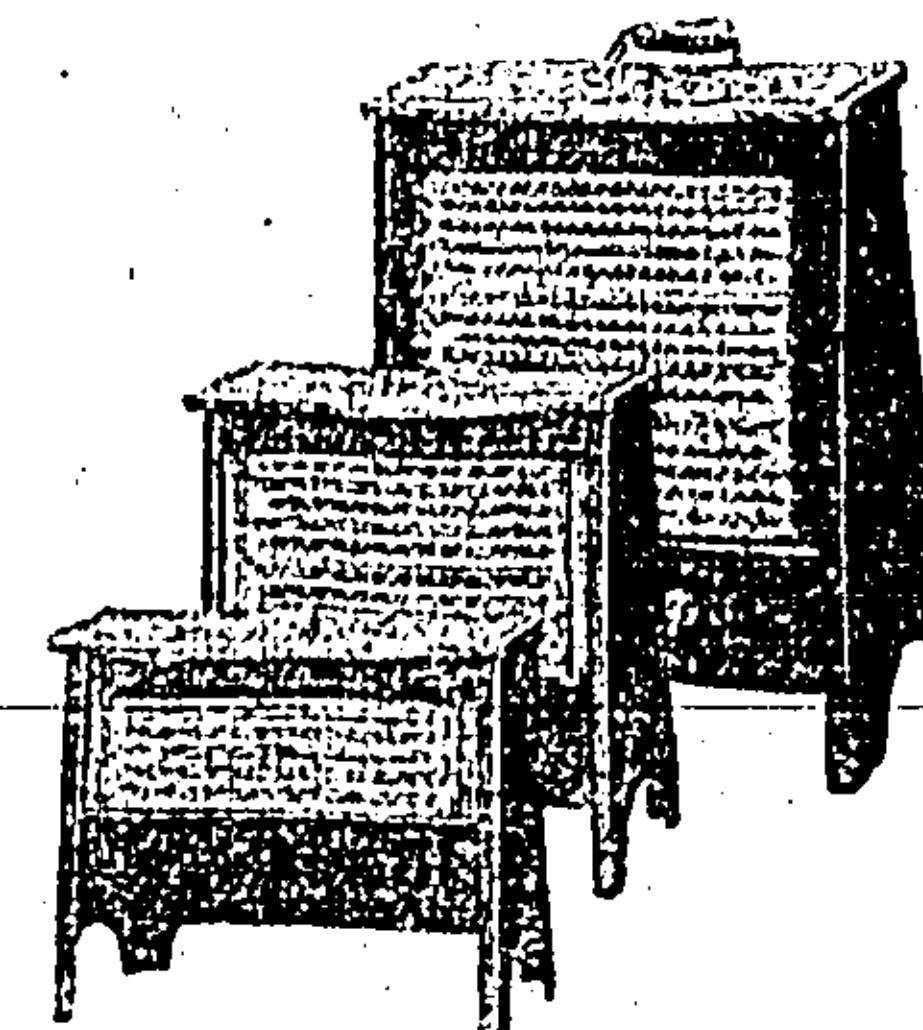
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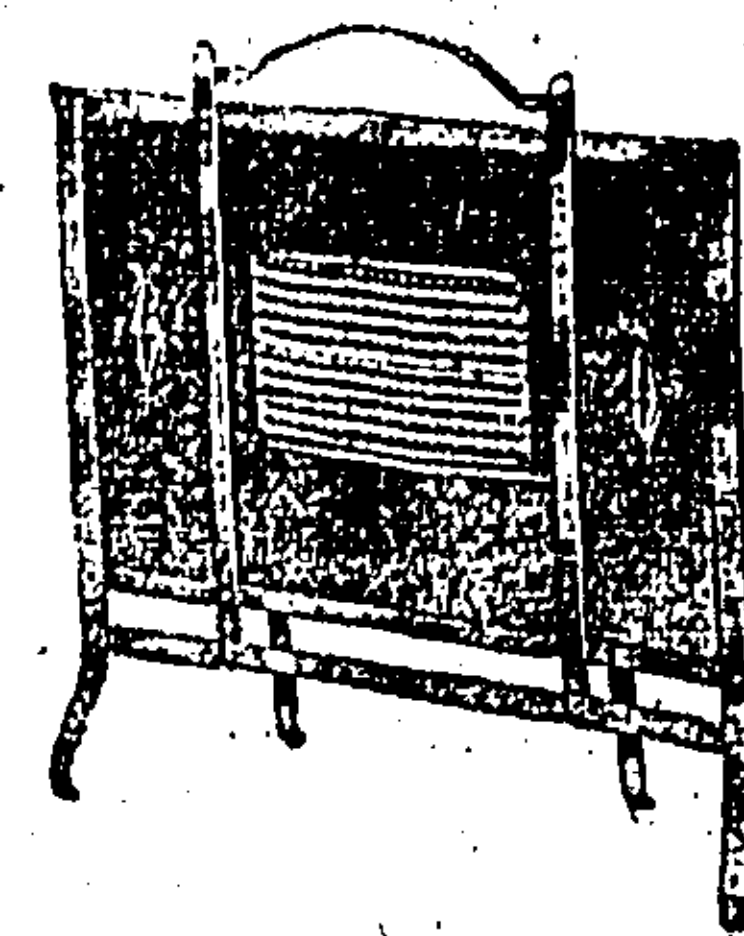
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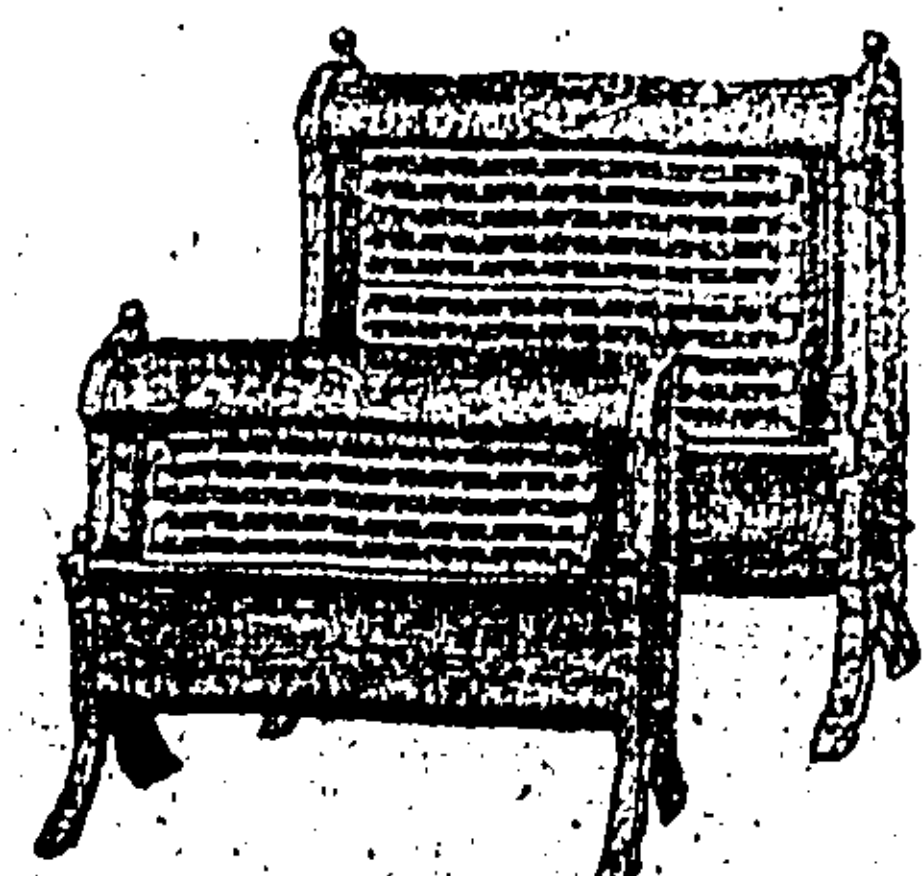
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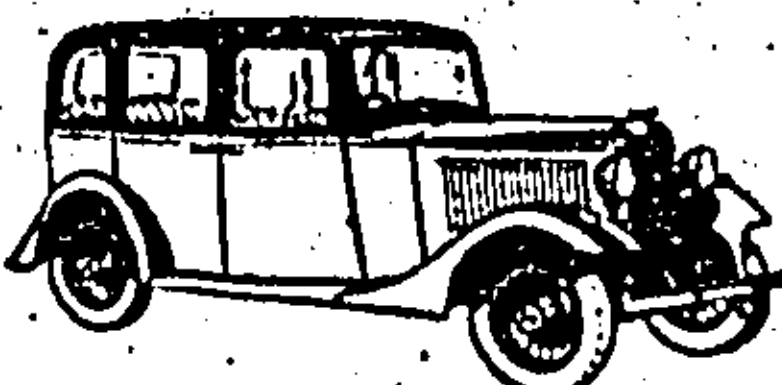
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C. W. WANG, M.D., Ch.B. (Edin.)
Hankow, 14th December, 1933.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1933.

BRITAIN TURNING THE CORNER

Claims made by British Government leaders that trade and financial conditions in the Old Country are slowly but surely improving are receiving endorsement in circles conversant with the facts. A point made by the Chairman of the British Overseas Bank in this connexion, is worth remembering, namely, that the forces behind the upward trend must be much greater than can be measured by the actual recovery so far shown. The presumption is that the future will witness an increasingly growing impetus in the right direction. Trade and Treasury returns alike are most encouraging. There is a steady and definite increase in British exports, while the country's revenue continues to improve and expenditure shows a downward trend. The full flood of prosperity will not, of course, set in until there is some real co-operative effort between the nations of the world to remove those obstacles which stand in the way of a general revival of trade. It is essential that the problem be tackled along these lines if any widespread impression is to be made. At the same time, Britain has shown to the world what can be done by unremitting concentration on her own problems. She has succeeded in placing the finances of the country on a basis which has won for her the proud position of being the most financially sound nation in the world to-day. Her business men, also, have contributed their share to the realisation of a better state of affairs, demonstrating once again, as they have in many past crises, that the spirit of adaptability and of perseverance in the face of almost overwhelming odds is not dead. Coupled with these factors is the determination of the Government to see that Britain gets a square deal in competing with other nations. All in all, there is good reason to be gratified at the turn of events. Persistence in present policies, aided by the British reputation for high standards of manufacture, good value for money, and honest methods in marketing, must in the long run win back much of the trade which has been lost as a result of the world depression and other untoward circumstances.

NOTES OF THE DAY

SECRET DIPLOMACY

The official statement by Sir John Simon on the nature of the disarmament negotiations contained nothing, as usual. The most important phrase was that it would not be in the public interest to make any disclosure concerning the nature and trend at present. It is known, however, that the British Foreign Secretary placed his greatest hope in successful direct negotiations between Germany and France and that he has been disappointed. And it is known because France is refusing to persist in methods of secret diplomacy.

LORD CECIL'S CRITICISM

The leading peace protagonists are not, however, taking this diplomatic version to type lying down. Lord Cecil and Sir Austen Chamberlain have recently had some difference of opinion over "secret" and "open" diplomacy. Lord Cecil deprecates the tendency to return to the old methods. Sir Austen replies that the secret diplomacy which is to be condemned is that which involves a nation in engagements of which it has no knowledge; that private conversations between statesmen must take place if matters are to be freely discussed and unnecessary public provocation avoided. But Lord Cecil says that it is not only secret pledges which are objectionable, but also secret negotiations. He insists that prolonged consultations among politicians who attempt to settle matters in dispute in an atmosphere often polluted by gossip and false rumour, tend to stereotype differences and harden obstinacy.

PROPER PROCEDURE

It is conceivable that Lord Cecil presses his case, which in the main is sound, too far. He underestimates the value of informal discussions in smoothing away minor difficulties which would only be magnified by public discussion. There are also preliminary matters which ought to be fully thrashed out by experts in anticipation of public discussion, as the history of every international conference has shown. The public has seen also how much good will may be created by personal talks between statesmen, as between Mr. MacDonald and Presidents Hoover and Roosevelt. These last cases serve to show exactly the proper procedure as between secret and open diplomacy. Many matters can and ought to be discussed freely and informally behind closed doors; but the results should be communicated at once to the public to forestall gossip or hostile criticism.

GENEVA ERRORS

In the disarmament field, however, Lord Cecil is on very strong ground. There is no doubt that the prolonged private discussions at Geneva on the British draft disarmament convention did much to provoke Germany's abrupt withdrawal. A strong conviction grew up that the whole purpose of the long talks was the discovery of a formula by which Germany's claims could be set on one side without causing an explosion. Even with that experience, the same process is being applied, in the hope of producing a remedy for the damage done. In the spirit recommended by Sir John Simon, M. Poincaré has interviewed Herr Hitler, at once to find the impossible asked.

The problem of the best method of approach to Germany still has to be settled.

LEAGUE REORGANISATION

No astonishment would be provoked if the solution were found in Italy's peremptory demand for the reform of the League. No definite proposals have been put forward, but the greatest interest has been aroused by the ascent of the trial balloon. All Europe is talking it over and Japan and the United States are showing a close, if cautious interest. A reorganised League with all the great Powers active members might well provide a new spirit and a fresh start in international relationships.

THE AMERICAN SCENE

The Great Experiment in the United States gains in interest almost hourly. President Roosevelt is losing many of the men who started out with him on his adventure into the realms of the New Finance, but nevertheless finds no difficulty in finding substitutes. Warning has now been given of large-scale inflation. True the claim is advanced that the new money will have an adequate gold cover—but that has no important meaning when attached to the American economic structure. Apparently, the new money is to be issued as loans become more numerous. What the end of it all will be is beyond estimation. An enormous pyramid of new internal indebtedness is being built up with unprecedented rapidity—and the results, so far, have been negligible.

SINO-JAPANESE RAPPROCHEMENT?

By H. G. W. Woodhead in "Oriental Affairs"

The Chinese political situation has been dominated for the past month, and indeed for a considerably longer period, by the question of Sino-Japanese relations. Advantage was undoubtedly taken of the absence of Dr. Lo Wen-kan in Sinkiang and of Mr. T. V. Soong in Europe and America, to initiate informal discussions behind the scenes for effecting a Sino-Japanese rapprochement. Dr. Lo either from conviction or apprehension of public hostility was opposed to such overtures. Mr. T. V. Soong was openly opposed to rapprochement and would not land in Japan when passing through.

The Japanese drive to improve relations has, however, intensified. Mr. Chang Tso-pin, Chinese Minister, who left Tokyo in March ostensibly on sick leave, but actually as an indirect protest against the Jehol operations, returned to his post in October, and admitted, in an interview, that Chiang Kai-shek was making an effort to break the diplomatic deadlock.

About the same time, Dr. Sugimura, disclaiming any official mission, travelled extensively in China, being received, among important leaders, by General Yu Hsueh-chung at Tientsin, Mr. Wang Ching-wei in Nanking and General Chan Chal-tong in Canton.

On the eve of his departure from Hongkong for Formosa, en route to Tokyo, he declared that there had been a friendly atmosphere about all his discussions with the Canton authorities, that as a result of his seventy days' visit to China his general impression was that relations were much improved during the past six months, and that he had every confidence that the two countries would come together again very shortly.

On October 17, Mr. Ariyoshi, the Japanese Minister to China, accompanied by Mr. Suma, First Secretary of the Legation, left Shanghai for Peking, where he remained for over a month, having frequent interviews with Chinese officials in the Capital. While he was there General Okamura, Vice-Chief of Staff of the Kwantung Army, appeared on the scene to negotiate a settlement of certain frontier questions, including through railway transport, exchange of mails, etc. Before leaving he announced that an agreement in principle had been reached. Nanking, apparently considered that negotiations were going too quickly, and applied the brake to Mr. Huang Fu, but it is generally expected that a settlement of these questions will be reached in the near future. It will bring enormous relief to Chinese within and outside the Great Wall if it is, as they suffer intolerable inconvenience from the suspension of mail services between China and Manchukuo. Foreigners, also, would welcome the restoration of the direct route for the transmission of outgoing and incoming Siberian mails.

What has been occurring behind the scenes is generally regarded as one of the causes of Mr. T. V. Soong's resignation. It has also led to Dr. Lo Wen-kan's resignation of the office of Foreign Minister.

The Japanese apparently regard any attempt at opening direct and formal negotiations with the Nan-

The Very Idea!

CHRISTMAS HINTS

By Eddie "Santa" Kelly

ALL the local newspapers seem to be full of hints on what to buy for Christmas presents, but we are not interested in this subject. Us, we are only receiving one present, and we will give one in return.

Unless, of course, our Great and Admiring public—

Our present will be from Whalesteeth and the conversation will be something like this:

Whalesteeth will say: "Well, Eddie, old boy, what would you like for Christmas?"

And we will say: "Well, Pote, me boy, if it's all the same to you, we'd prefer the money."

So he will hand us ten bucks and we will then say: "Now that that's fixed, Pote, old pal, what would you like?"

And he will say: "Well, Eddie, if it's all the same to you, I'd like the money, too."

So we will hand him back his ten bucks.

But apart from presents and Christmas cards, we think the newspapers should print the excuses that are bound to be given on Boxing Day.

Something like these:

"Yes, we got your Christmas card, Bill, and—Ha-ha-ha! You know what? Three days after Christmas I happened to reach into my coat pocket, and there was the card the wife gave me to send to you! Well, of course, it was too late then!"

"You mean you didn't get ours? Honest? That's funny. I know we sent one. In fact, I remember quite distinctly that your name was the first on our list. But I guess a lot of cards got lost in the post office, with so many of 'em going through!"

"My dear, I simply must explain how perfectly foolish I was. For the life of me I couldn't remember whether you said you would be at Repulse Bay or Canton for the holidays, and I knew I would be utterly silly to call up and ask, so I just thought I'd wait until the first time after Christmas that I saw and wish you 'A Merry Christmas' in person!"

"Say, Joe, I feel rotten about you sending me a card and not sending you one. But I remembered talking to somebody about not exchanging cards this Christmas, and I was sure it was you. And then, when your card came, I started thinking it over, and, gee whizz, it dawned on me that it was George, and not you. I feel pretty rotten about it, Joe, but I was certain it was you!"

"Well, Tom, the wife and I saved the best card we had for you and the family. And then, when we went to address it, that darned pen of mine spluttered ink all over the envelope. Well, I tore all over town and couldn't find a decent card anywhere. I got one next day, but I knew you wouldn't get it until Wednesday, so—well—I'm sorry, but—"

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VERBOTEN

Bombs were thrown among a crowd of several thousand at Graz, killing and wounding many. Any jokes about Graz widows will be sternly rejected by us.

HOW IT DEVELOPED

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
As he groped for his stud 'neath the bed:
(Unfit for Publication.)

HOW IT DEVELOPED

Dear Miss Smith.
My dear Miss Smith.
Dear Mary.
Mary Dear.
Mary Darling.
Mary, beloved.
My Soulmate.
Darling Wife.
Dear Mary.
Hello, Ma.
Pay to the order of Mrs. Mary S. Doe.



"You never look at me any more."

AMERICA'S DILEMMA: ON TO THE END OR BUST

SENATOR JOHNSON SUMS UP SITUATION

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

SPLIT IN RANKS OF REPUBLICANS

MUST SUPPORT ROOSEVELT



Senator Johnson.

Washington, Dec. 13. A new alignment of political forces in the United States, with a section of the Republican Party taking the leading part, was foreshadowed in an important speech to-day by Senator Hiram Johnson.

The suggestion has caused animated discussion in political circles, though no hint is yet forthcoming concerning the strength of the movement commenced by Mr. Johnson, who hinted at the early formation of a new political party. The main feature of the proposed party is that its members will be drawn principally from the ranks of the Republicans and that it will pledge its support to the Rooseveltian policy.

OR ELSE.

Senator Johnson and his supporters are apparently actuated by the conviction, not ill-based, that the Rooseveltian policy has been carried so far that any attempt to retrace steps would result in complete economic chaos.

In outlining the programme, Senator Johnson declared that party lines had been loosened by the present economic and social revolution in the United States. A re-alignment of political thought was necessary.

TARIFF CUTS.

It is stated in Washington that while President Roosevelt is adhering to his objective of a world-wide reduction of tariff walls, he believes that owing to international conditions to-day, this objective will be reached by negotiating bilateral treaties with individual countries, as the British Government has been doing in the last twelve months.—*Reuter*.

GAOL FOR KNIFE POSSESSION

SHAVING IMPLEMENT PLEA

Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed by Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning on Lu Man, 30, unemployed, for the possession of a knife blade fit for an unlawful possession. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Detective-Inspector Elston said the day before yesterday, at lunch time, defendant was seen in a money-changer's shop by a detective. He was observed to look into people's pockets. The detective followed him for an hour and a half and eventually saw him put the blade in his sock. Defendant claimed the blade as his razor, but his shaving equipment, together with a honing stone, were later found in an opium den. They had been kept there as security.

KOWLOON LADY ROBBED

SNATCHER SENT TO PRISON

Sentence of four months' hard labour with 12 strokes of the birch was passed on Wong Shiu-kol, who was charged and convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Mr. Wynne-Jones for snatching a hand-bag from Mrs. Place in Nathan Road yesterday evening.

Detective Sergeant Franklin told the Court that while Mrs. Place was walking along Nathan Road near Jordan Road at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday, defendant snatched her hand-bag and bolted. She gave the alarm and a Chinese detective who was nearby gave chase. Defendant was caught some distance away.

In the hand-bag was \$11.20 in cash and a number of other articles.

SINO-JAPANESE PARLEY

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RESUMPTION

SHANGHAIKWAN BARGAIN

Shanghai, Dec. 14. Mr. Yin Tung, formerly member of the Luantung Retrocession Commission, who is now responsible for the negotiations with Japan for the taking over of control of Shanghai and other points along the Great Wall, is arriving in Shanghai from Nanking.

He has been in consultation with the Nanking Ministry of Railways regarding the problem of the resumption of through traffic between Mukden and Peking, which is said to be one of the Japanese conditions for the surrender of Shanghai.

Mr. Yin Tung said that with the settlement of the question of the resumption of through traffic, the taking over of control of Shanghai would be smoothly carried out. He would return to Peking this week-end to conclude the negotiations.

BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

He declared that through traffic between Mukden and Peking, if restored, could only be arranged on business lines and would not be tantamount to *de facto* recognition of the Puppet State.

It is learned that the Nanking Government is not prepared to restore postal communications with Manchuria.—*Central News*.

COOLIE POSES AS POLICEMAN

"ONLY A SMALL MATTER"

Much laughter was caused in the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. Dalfour, when Lai Shu-cho, a coolie, appeared on a charge of impersonating a police officer aboard the s.s. Kwong Tung, berthed at the Pray.

His face wreathed in smiles, Lai told his Worship he had nothing to say in answer to the charge. He had "a few ten cents of wine" and did not know what he was doing last night. Anyhow, it was only a small matter.

Inspector G. A. Stimson said defendant went aboard the s.s. Kwong Tung where there were quite a number of passengers. Representing himself to be a police officer, he said if they gave him money he would not search their luggage, otherwise he would. He tried to harass two old countrymen, one of whom was a passenger from Sandakan.

The latter told the Court the defendant asked him for 50 cents for a ticket, while the other victim stated he asked him for \$1. Both stated defendant wanted to search their luggage, but they refused.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100, or two months, and also convicted defendant on a charge of attempted larceny of money by false pretences, sentencing him to an additional two months' hard labour.

210,000 SLUM HOUSES TO BE DEMOLISHED

London, Dec. 10. The programmes of slum clearance which have reached the Ministry of Health show that 210,000 houses, unfit for human habitation, will be demolished without compensation, stated Mr. Hilton Young, the Minister of Health, at West Bromwich to-day.—*Reuter*.

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

ALL THE ELEMENTS, WHOSE AIM MAN CALLS IN, WILL SOMETIME BECOME HIS MASTERS.—*Emerson*.

Mr. G. C. Pelham, H. M. Trade Commissioner, and Mrs. Pelham, have taken up residence at Abernethy Court, May Road.

His Excellency the Governor will preside at the annual meeting, to be held this evening, at 5.15, in the Cathedral Hall, of the Society for the Protection of Children. A good attendance is requested.

Tang Yiu-to, aged 5, was fatally injured when he fell out of a window while playing on the second floor of 284, Lockhart Road, yesterday. He died after being admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

A strange error committed at his meal has resulted in the admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital at Yau-mat of Chan Yau, 26, living at 63, Temple Street. Mistaking Jeyes fluid for soya sauce, he poured a quantity on his food, and had taken it before he discovered the difference.

A reminder might be given of the Christmas Pantomime which is to be held in the Helena May Institute, the first performance being given this evening, commencing at 6.30. The title of the piece is "The Queen of Hearts," and the programmes, which will be on sale for ten cents, should be a delight to all. One's impression of the "Pantomime" from previous information is that it will delight children and grownups alike.

COUNTRY HOME TRAGEDY

CAPTAIN'S JUMP FROM WINDOW

MAN LOSES WAY

London, Dec. 10.

Full investigations are now being made into the fire yesterday morning, which destroyed "The Heronry," the Hampshire country home of Mr. Leander McCormick, and cost the lives of the Duke de la Tremolles, a prominent French cavalry officer, and Captain James Rodney, brother of Lord Rodney. The former was burnt to death, while the latter died of injuries received when he leaped with his wife from a window.

Mrs. Rodney, formerly Miss Frances Strickland Lovell of Seattle, a celebrated American beauty and writer, is in an extremely critical condition. She was operated on this morning, and there is some hope that she may live.

Neither Mr. McCormick nor his wife, who until her marriage last July was Comtesse de Flourieu, is suffering from grave injuries than severe shock. The couple made a hurried exit in their night clothes before the two storey house became a blazing bonfire.

STARTED IN PINK ROOM.

The fire is of mysterious origin, an is believed to have originated from an empty second floor bedroom chamber called the "Pink Room," apparently due to crossed wires.

It was discovered first by Mrs. McCormick, who was awakened by the smoke of the flames. Rushing from their bedroom, the couple raised the alarm. Mrs. McCormick called the French duke to get down by the back stairway, and he replied, but he was never seen again. Most of the guests attempted to reach safety by the staircase, but were turned back by the flames.

With seconds to spare, Captain Rodney smashed a window and with his wife leaped. He landed on frozen ground 20 feet below, but his wife fell on a flower-bed. Despite their injuries, both crawled away on their hands and knees.

Rodney's arms were badly cut by broken glass, and his hands were nearly severed when picked up. He died soon after reaching hospital.

ROPE MADE OF BED SHEETS.

Meanwhile, Frank Jackson, the chauffeur, after telephoning to the fire brigade at Newbury, raced for a ladder. He broke the duke's window but found the room empty, and it was only several hours later that Tremolles's body was recovered.

Apparently the Frenchman took the wrong direction at the landing, being unfamiliar with the house, and was trapped near the adjoining ballroom.

A German maid, Louisa Krug, also had a narrow escape. She also attempted to reach safety by the stairway, but was too late due to the incredible speed with which the fire gained ground. She then ran back to her room, and knocking her bed sheets together in the form of a rope, slid down to safety.—*Reuter*.

NO PASSPORT

VAGRANT FROM CANTON

Stephen S. Bielsky, 46, was charged before Mr. Balfour, at the Central Police Court this morning, with entering the Colony without a valid passport and with being a vagrant. He was committed to the House of Detention and an expulsion order made.

Det-Sergeant C. Mottram said defendant had a certificate of registration which was not a passport and which expired in November last year. His story was that he had been wandering about Canton and the neighbouring province for the last two years, selling silk, and about a week ago the Canton Police decided he had been there long enough and stated his papers were not in order. They put him on a train and sent him to Hongkong. He was not asking for a conviction but an expulsion order, and to commit the defendant to the House of Detention pending his return to Shanghai, which would be in a few days.

Defendant:—The Chinese sent me here without a passport.

Sergt. Mottram:—If the Canton Police sent him down here, without a passport, he knows very well that he should have come straight to the police instead of waiting round the Kowloon Godowns.

RADIO BROADCAST

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST.

TRAVEL TALK FROM STUDIO THIS EVENING

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

6.3 p.m. European programme.

6.45 p.m. A relay of the Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

6.50 p.m. Mrs. W. C. Clark's Children's Programme.

6.55-7.20 p.m. A programme of Listeners' records.

7 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

Band—Colonel Bogey (Alford).

Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Violin Solo—Serenade (Drigo).

Violin Solo—Serenade (Drdin).

Miscellaneous.

Orchestra—Ales from the Vienna Woods (Strauss).

March Weber and His Orchestra.

Instrumental—Wabash Blues.

Hawaiian—Meet me in Hawaii.

Price—Prosser—Tassey.

Orchestra—La Czarine—Mazurka (Ganne).

Orchestra—Rendez-vous—Intermezzo (Aletier).

Victor Salon Orchestra.

Violin Solo—Millions d'Arlequina—Serenade (Drigo).

Violin Solo—Diane—Waltz (Rape-Pollack).

Guiletta Marino.

Hawaiian—The Rose of Heaven.

Hawaiian—Silver Threads Among the Gold.

Walter Kolomoiku's Honoluluans.

Orchestra—Pirouette (Finck).

Orchestra—Le Secret (Gautier).

Victor Salon Orchestra.

Cello Solo—Simple Aveu (Thome).

Cello Solo—Serenade (Pierro).

Alfred Wallenstein.

7.30-8 p.m. From the Studio.

A Third Travel Talk by "Globe Trotter."

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.30-10.30 p.m. Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

Should reception prove satisfactory, the programme between 5 and 6 p.m. will be replaced by a relay from Daventry.

All relays from the Hongkong Hotel are by courtesy of the Management, and during the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.

HAWKING ARREST RESENTED

POLICE CONSTABLES ASSAULTED

There was a disturbance in Douglas Street, near Connaught Road Central, yesterday afternoon, when two Chinese policemen in plain clothes were assaulted by two coolies, one of whom had been arrested for hawking without a licence. A large crowd gathered and whistles were blown.

The story was related before Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning, when Lo Hong was charged with the hawking offence, and jointly with Fung Sing, with assaulting Constable Lai Tung.

The constable, who was accompanied by P. C. Mak Fai on duty yesterday, stated that when he arrested Lo Hong, he refused to carry the stalls, and the witness called for a coolie. Defendant told Fung Sing to call for a woman who later came and claimed the stalls as being hers. Fung Sing, an alleged, picked up a bamboo pole and poked him in the back.

His Worship imposed fines totalling \$15 or three weeks on Lo Hong and discharged Fung Sing on the assault count.

Fung Sing, however, admitted another charge of returning from banishment and was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

R.M.S.P. DEFICIT OF \$11,000,000

CAPITAL "REGARDED AS LOST"

The report of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the year to December 31 last shows a Deficiency Account, consisting of losses on assets and otherwise, of \$9,011,362, after deducting the balance of \$2,999,505 standing to the credit of the Reserve Account.

This debit balance, which does not include further shrinkage in value of investments, or losses which may mature in relation to guarantees, exceeds the amount of the issued and paid-up Preference and Ordinary capital, amounting to \$8,800,000, which, states the Board, "must be regarded as lost."

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BIG ATTRACTIONS IN THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL CUP & LEAGUE TIES

WALES SHOULD WIN EASILY AGAINST SCOTLAND SOUTH CHINA UP AGAINST TWO BIG PROPOSITIONS

AFTER last week's exhilarating displays of football, one hesitates to suggest that they may be repeated this week-end. Yet a glance at the programme will satisfy that the promise is there.

THE most perplexing problem confronting the enthusiast is to select which match to attend from the half a dozen entertaining encounters which are down for decision.

MANY, indeed, will regret that the International Charity Cup tie between Wales and Scotland and the first division league match between South China and the Lincolns should clash on Sunday. They are the high spots of the week-end programme.

I am confidently expecting a win for Wales. The team will be composed of the majority, if not the whole of the Borderers' first division league eleven, and they will be stronger in some departments than Scotland. They should also enjoy superiority in team work and understanding, as Scotland meet as eleven more or less strangers.

Whilst not denying the individualistic ability of the Scottish team, I hesitate to suggest that this, in itself, is sufficient to beat the well balanced Welsh combination, which, be it noted, is now playing as well as it has done at any part of the season.

NOT FEASIBLE.

The inclusion of Deckert, Hunter, and McDougall of the Argylls has allowed Scotland to field a much stronger side than would ordinarily have been possible. Even so, it cannot seriously be suggested that these three players are good enough to upset the Borderers—sorry! Welshmen. Scotland have a splendid defence, and it will be no cake walk for the Welsh forwards to break through it. But I have serious doubts as to the goal getting potentialities of the forwards.

The line includes Lowson and George Duncan, both second division players, who, although among the most successful of the Club second string attack, may find themselves a bit out of the picture in this standard of football.

Duncan, of course, is no stranger to senior grade soccer, and in 1930-31 and subsequently, operated on the Club right wing.

But it is only this year that he has adopted the centre-forward berth, and there is just a suspicion that he will discover a lack of experience to make his job the success required.

GREENSHIELDS VACILLATIONS.

Lowson will probably make a useful right winger, but the same qualification must be applied to him.

Greenshield's positional vacillations this season should at least enable him to become versatile. He started off as half back in the Royal Artillery second string, came into the seniors, where he was played successfully as centre-forward, right back (in Allen's absence) and inside left.

On Sunday Scotland will have his services on the left wing. From what I have seen of Greenshield he seems to be first and last an inside forward. But I will not deny his versatility, and although here again I feel Scotland will suffer a weakness, it may be that his inclusion in this position will prove very beneficial to the team.

Let the foregoing should lend itself to misinterpretation I hasten to explain that I do not think the three forwards mentioned will be hopeless failures. But whether they can give McDougall and Sheppard, their more experienced colleagues, the support sufficient to overcome the seasoned and reliable Welsh defence is the question which prompts my criticism.

DEFENCE IS ALL RIGHT.

As has already been noted, the half back line and rearguard are first rate. In Robertson, hereafter known as the Lal Wah Cup hero, Blackburne and Andy Duncan Scotland have an intermediate trio which should be able to offer a very stout resistance.

Blackburne, of course, is normally a left back, and he may not find it too easy to settle down to his un-

SOUTH China seem unable to get any relief. One week they are beaten by the Club; the next they have to oppose the Navy and are held to a draw. After that, ten of their players appear in a Cup match in which they are defeated, and this week have two matches before them.

AND that's not all. Their strenuous week-end includes an encounter with the Lincolns, one of their biggest rivals for the championship. This happens on Sunday. On Saturday they have to entertain Kowloon.

ONE is becoming more and more wary in the forecasting of South China's probable results. They have forced upon us the conclusion that they are nowhere near the powerful, all-conquering team of last year.

TWO CHANGES IN CLUB LINE UP

Rodger Returns to Goal: Hill at Inside Right

George Rodger, who arrived back from furlough on the Naldara at 8 o'clock this morning, will make his initial appearance of the season in the Club goal against the Athletic to-morrow.

Another probable change in the Club line-up will be the inclusion of Hill, late of Kowloon, at inside right, to the exclusion of Dornay, who has filled that position in every match this season.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME

The week-end programme is:

SATURDAY.

First Division
Club v Athletic—Club.
Lincolns v Kowloon—Kowloon.
East Lanes v R. Engineers—K.P.C.
S. China v Kowloon—Caroline Hill.

Second Division
Police v St. Joseph's—Police.
Y. Indiana v Navy—St. Joseph's.
Club v Kowloon—Club.
Athletic v Borderers—Athletic.

Third Division
Radio v Lincolns—Athletic, 1 p.m.
Recreio v R. Engineers—King's Park, 2.30.
Borderers v R.A.M.C.—Military, 2.30.

SUNDAY.

International Charity Cup
Scotland v Wales—K.P.C., 4 p.m.
First Division
S. China v Lincolns—Caroline Hill.
Second Division
Artillery v Lincolns—Sookunpo, 2.30.

As these alterations should turn out to be improvements, the Club ought to be able to garner points from the Athletic.

The Athletic are finding themselves very much poorer now that Lal Kwok-chui has been suspended, and the Club will have to play well below form to lose.

accustomed position. But as an out-of-control he is an extraordinarily useful man wherever his position.

Hunter, Hill and Dockerty constitute a reliable last line of defence.

On the assumption that Wales will be represented by the Borderers first team, there seems little need to deal with the composition of the eleven in an analytical form.

The Borderers are now well known. On form they still remain the best of the Army teams in the Colony. Their big weakness is to make slips at crucial moments. If this can be obviated on Sunday, they should find themselves in the next round.

With them, to-day, it is a case of anything may happen. They should (this advisedly) beat Kowloon. But the latter are a combination who have not once this season demonstrated their maximum capabilities. There has always been a weak link somewhere, either in the half back line, or among the forwards. But the introduction of one or more of the killed boys may find all these shortcomings obliterated, in which case South China can look forward to a stern struggle.

HILL WILL BE MISSED.

Hill will be sadly missed by Kowloon, he settled down into an excellent defence, his sturdy and courageous tackling and splendid length kicking marking him as among the best right backs in the Colony.

At the time of writing the Kowloon line-up depends on contingencies, the chief of which is whether H.M.S. Wren will be back in the Colony to allow Lewis and Timberlake to take their places in the team.

There seems little doubt that if available these two players will figure in the team, and that only Yeoman of the Argylls is likely to come in to take over the centre-half berth.

This would allow Timberlake to go up to centre-forward, Elliott to inside left and Lewis at inside right.

Unless Higgins' finger heals up and Ash's twisted knee recovers, the Lincolns will take the field against South China on Sunday minus the services of their regular goalkeeper and left back.

HOCQUARD A SPENT FORCE.

This must seriously affect their prospects. It may entail the exclusion of Higgins from the forward line, as he would probably be needed in the defence. Without his vigorous personality I cannot see the soldiers' attack causing South China very much worry. Hocquard is a spent force these days. He hasn't played a really good game for a month, and his leg is so prone to give out at the slightest provocation, that he cannot even be regarded as reliable.

Ridley has played two very mediocre games lately, and seems to be feeling the strain of having so much work and responsibility on his shoulders. I cannot see a lot of goals accruing from the forward line unless Higgins is there with his worrying tactics to pave the way for the inside left.

St. Joseph's should be able to retain the leadership. They engage the Police, and two points seem just about as certain as anything can be in football.

ARTILLERY CHANGES.

The Artillery have an interesting fixture, when they visit the Kowloon Football Club to oppose the East Lanes. The Gunners, with the exception of Knight, who is displaced by Wood, will be the same team as that which defeated the Athletic last Sunday.

Knight has been sent back to the reserves (I wonder why; he fitted in well with Sen last week, and scored a neat goal). Greenshield is being reeled, presumably in view of his Sunday engagement, and Worthington still occupies Harris' position at left half.

There is no reason why the Artillery should not repeat last week's success. The match is on the same ground which should have some significance for the East Lanes.

MY FORECAST. FIRST DIVISION.

TO WIN—

Club
Lincolns
S. China
St. Joseph's

TO DRAW—

Artillery

SECOND DIVISION.

TO WIN—

Navy
Club
Borderers
Lincolns

THIRD DIVISION.

TO WIN—

Lincolns
R. Engineers
Borderers

CHIRITY CUP.

TO WIN—

Wales

CLUB OUTPLAYED

GREAT RUGBY BY NAVAL MEN

CIVILIANS OUT OF CONDITION.

(By "Line-Out").

A strong Navy side, which included seven of their regular fifteen, beat the Club "A" in a rugby match at Happy Valley yesterday by three goals, a penalty goal and three tries (27 points) to one goal and a try (8 points).

The Club started one man short, and before the team was completed, the Navy had scored eight points. Albeit the arrival of the fifteenth player did not help in stopping the Navy's continual raids on the Club lines.

The Navy took up the offensive from the start, and were not long in scoring through Currey, after Alfie had cut through to make the opening. The kick failed. The second try was credited to St. Clair Ford, who was given a pass by Garwood, following a clever run. Linton added the extra points. Both of these tries should have been prevented by sterner tackling on the part of the Club backs, or by the scrum getting back quicker to defend.

LOOKED ON ADMIRINGLY!

St. Clair Ford scored again in the initial half, when he was allowed to dribble the ball through the defence, and touch down between the posts, the Club side looking on admiringly. The kick rather surprisingly failed.

After this there was a noticeable improvement with the Club forwards, and Robertson at inside was seen to advantage on occasions with his lightning cut throughs. He was, however, poorly supported, and the movements broke down.

The Club did score finally through Mecke, who made a lot of ground to catch the Navy full back in possession, and to dribble the ball over a try, too far out for Robertson to convert.

The Club started the second half in a more spirited manner, but after attacking for a little while, allowed the Navy to take the ball into their half, and Buckley kicked a penalty goal, awarded against the Club for feet in the scrum.

ST. CLAIR FORD'S TRIES.

The Club returned to the attack, and their efforts were rewarded by Mecke working the blind side of the scrum, and sending Rodkins over for a try, which Robertson converted with a very fine kick.

St. Clair Ford scored his third try immediately afterwards, and from the kick of the Navy went right through the Club defence, handling manfully, for Currey, to finish off with a try between the posts, which Buckley converted.

St. Clair Ford finished off the scoring by catching a bouncing ball well, and out plying the Club defence to score well enough in for Ackroyd to convert.

The Club players are still definitely unfit, and cracked up badly in the second half. Hutchinson, Robertson and Edwards put in some good defensive work, but the whole side were inclined to stand about, and to hope the Naval men would make a mistake. These tactics naturally failed, and they were forced to see a big score compiled against them.

The Services' Sporting Section

Conducted By "The Scout"

"BOY" FOOTBALLER INJURED

SHEPPARD OF THE KENT BREAKS HIS ARM

A nasty accident occurred during the match between Possibles and Probables of the Boys of H.M.S. Kent yesterday afternoon, when Sheppard of the Probables sustained a fall which broke his arm. He was immediately removed to hospital.

The opening exchanges were fast but with the Probables weakened by playing a man short the Possibles had most of the play. The Possibles opened the scoring through Welch, who managed to break through a strong defence to score. Vickerman, the Possibles centre forward played a good constructive game, keeping his forwards well up and distributing the ball freely. He put the Possibles two up within the next few minutes with a ground shot, whilst Frith added another to make the score three all in favour of the Possibles. The Probables retaliated a few minutes before half time and Dyer scored for them.

The second half saw a relief in the place of Sheppard, but this did not stop the Possibles adding to the score through Welch. The Probables were playing a better game with the reserve, and looked as though they might avoid defeat. Jones reduced the deficit but the defence held out after that the final whistle leaving the Possibles winners by 4 goals to 2.

Probables—Underwood: Dyer, Capstaff; Sheppard, Barker, Hopkins; Cobb, Jones, Maxwell, Robinson, Hawkesworth.

HOCKEY

TOPMEN TOO GOOD

FOR QUARTER DECK

The Topmen of the Kent, who had the assistance of some of the E.L.P. "cracks" were much too good for their colleagues of the Quarter Deck in a hockey match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The topmen won by four goals to one, Flint opening the scoring in the first quarter of an hour. Lanaway added a second five minutes later and Flint completed the first half scoring the teams crossing over with the topmen leading by three clear goals.

The topmen displayed splendid balance, the defence backing up the smart forward line in most praiseworthy manner.

Although each team scored once in the second half, the topmen always remained superior, and it was not until Reed had put them four ahead, that the Quarter Deck sufficiently to allow Spring to gain the Quarter Deck's solitary point.

Quarter Deck—Baker; Saunders; Eloy; Craven, George and Cambridge; Sprint, Lean, Kentish, Ambridge and Morton.

Topmen—Edwards; Mitchell and Cooper; Suro, Gilbert, and Russell; Suffolk, Reed, Lanaway, Flint and Leace.

RUGBY

Artillery Boat Lincolns

A fast rugby game at Sookunpo yesterday afternoon saw the Royal Artillery defeat the Lincolns by two tries (6 points) to nil.

From the start the R. A. took the offensive and soon had the play well up in the Lincolns' territory. Three or four times the Lincoln three-quarter line broke loose only to be stopped before they were able to cross the line. About twenty minutes after play commenced, Lt. Metcalfe of the Artillery secured the ball near centre and passed to Hall near the twenty-five yard line who ran through to score right under the posts. The kick failed.

The second half opened with the Lincoln attacking and for a while

NAVY HOCKEY

STRONGEST TEAM SELECTED

STEPHENSON'S FINE GAME

(By "Bully Off")

Following the trial game at King's Park yesterday evening the Navy XI was selected as under:—
Lieut. W. A. K. N. Cavate (Otus); Pte. Lieut. Birkett (Tanner), Surg. Lieut. Cmdr. A. E. Phillips, Capt. (Suffolk); Lieut. W. D. F. B. Muspratt (Suffolk); Lieut. E. N. Sinclair (Oswald); Lieut. Cmdr. Hill (Medway); Lieut. W. S. Donald (Osiris); Lieut. J. H. Eaden (Orpheus); Lieut. E. N. V. Currey (Orpheus); Lieut. P. J. H. Hartlett (Pandora); Lieut. Anderson (Eagle).

There is little room for comment on the selected side, for it represents about the strongest combination the Navy can field. The forward line is the same as last year except on the left where Lieut. Anderson (Eagle) will figure. He played quite a useful game in the trial yesterday and should be an asset to the attack.

Lieut. Currey is again leading the attack, but has not been much to the fore this season. He has taken up rugby and his hockey has been more or less neglected. He did not play in yesterday's game but Lieut. Cmdr. Stephenson, who deputised for him, in partnership with Lieut. Eaden and Lieut. Alderson was a revelation.

DESERVES A PLACE.
He played a steady game and displayed some fine stickwork. In view of the fact that Currey will probably be a little stale unless he puts in some more practice before the triangular I would have liked to see Stephenson included in the representative side.

Eaden and Bartlett played their usual sparkling games in the inside, and Donald on the right has not lost any of his speed. Lieut. Muspratt and Sinclair, at centre half and right half respectively both played in the Navy side at home last year and both showed up well in the trial.

In the defence, Surg. Lieut. Cmdr. Phillips, the Irish-International is the best choice. He exhibits a play which other backs in the Colony would do well to emulate. Instead of doing as many do, hitting blindly up the field, he steadies himself for every shot and if there is a half unmarked out it goes to him in preference to giving it to the forwards.

In yesterday's game he had little chance of shining. Had he been opposed to Stephenson, Eaden and Atkinson he would probably have impressed much more.

REID SHINES.
Birkett, who is a partner Phillips, is a good choice. He played a sterling game yesterday. He has a good eye and a hard hit, although many clearances are made blindly.

McRae, who yesterday led the Possibles, was out of his class of hockey, and admitted it. He played a very useful game nevertheless. E. R. Reid, playing behind McRae, did some very fine destructive work.

A. B. Doe, who came in at the last minute in place of Mid. H.D.M. Slater, on the right wing for the Possibles, exhibited a useful turn of speed and gave his inside men some admirably placed passes.

THE TRIAL GAME.
There were several further changes in the chosen teams in the trial game. In the Possibles side Lieut. Cavate (Otus) was brought in in place of Lieut. Cmdr. R. L. M. Edwards (Parthian) between the sticks with Lieut. Cmdr. Gush (Medway) replacing Lieut. G. R. Carver (Veteran) at right back.

In the forward line a last minute change was made, A. B. Doe being included at right wing in place of Mid. H. D. M. Slater (Gumbelend). Com. Colpoys deputised for Lieut. Cavate in goal for the Probables.

Soon after the start Lieut. Cmdr. Stephenson opened the scoring for the Probables after a neat pass from Atkinson, and Lieut. Bartlett had hard lines after Mid. Darlow sent him a high pass from the right.

In the second half Cmdr. Stephenson put the Probables further ahead before Darlow scored the Possibles' first goal. Stephenson again found the net, and in subsequent play the Possibles were awarded a corner from which Darlow scored with a first-time hit after stopping the ball. Before the end Donald scored twice more for the Probables.

CRICKET

NAVY WIN BY FIVE WICKETS

BIG PARTNERSHIP

On the Navy ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon the home team's second eleven beat St. Joseph's College by five wickets after dismissing the schoolboys for 110 runs.

Scores:

St. Joseph's College.	
G. Windsor, run out	2
A. H. Bakar, b Cagby	16
A. A. Runjahn, run out	15
C. Amery, c Palaret, b Lund	35
H. Asome, b Barron	1
H. Ozorio, c and b Cagby	1
J. Arnaz, run out	16
A. H. Kamal, b Lewis	14
Y. Barma, b Cagby	5
C. Letno, c and b Rundle	1
J. Velga, not out	0
Extras	3
	110

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Lund	10 - 37 1
Lewis	9 - 2 1
Cagby	9 - 25 3
Barron	4 - 19 1
Vivian	3 - 7 1
Rundle	2 - - 1

Royal Navy.

Palaret, b Runjahn	9
Smith, b Runjahn	48
Ford, b Runjahn	7
Barron not out	31
Lewis, run out	9
Cagby, b Bakar, b Runjahn	0
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wks.)	113

Vivian, Cagby, Kirks and Rundle did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Asome	10 - 54 4
Runjahn	10 - 42 4
Ozorio	8 - 26 3
Windsor	2 - 8 -

BOXING

Meeting of Local Association

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Boxing Association at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room on Tuesday, Mr. G. N. Tinson was elected chairman.

The Tournament Account for the year ended June 30, 1933, showed a loss of \$238.25 and the General Account a loss of \$26.18, giving a total loss of \$264.43. The amount now standing to the credit of the Association in the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation is \$1,535.03 and a further sum of \$300.00 is on deposit with the Colonial Treasurer as security for the entertainment tax.

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Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones.

play zig zagged back and forth. About ten minutes before the end he obtained the ball from a scrumming and ran through half the opposition to score the Gunner's second and final try.

The teams were:
Artillery: Hopkins, O'Brien, Nicks, Clark, Tullett, Hall, Gashwaile, Harzadough, Smith, Fallois, Almark, Warren, and Metcalfe. Reserve, Scott, Wood, Rider.
Lincolns: Chicken, Rolaser, Potter, Chapman, O'connor, Muspratt-Wilkins, Berriman, Mackman, Gueat, Hughes, Steele, Harrison, Fall, and Joynes.

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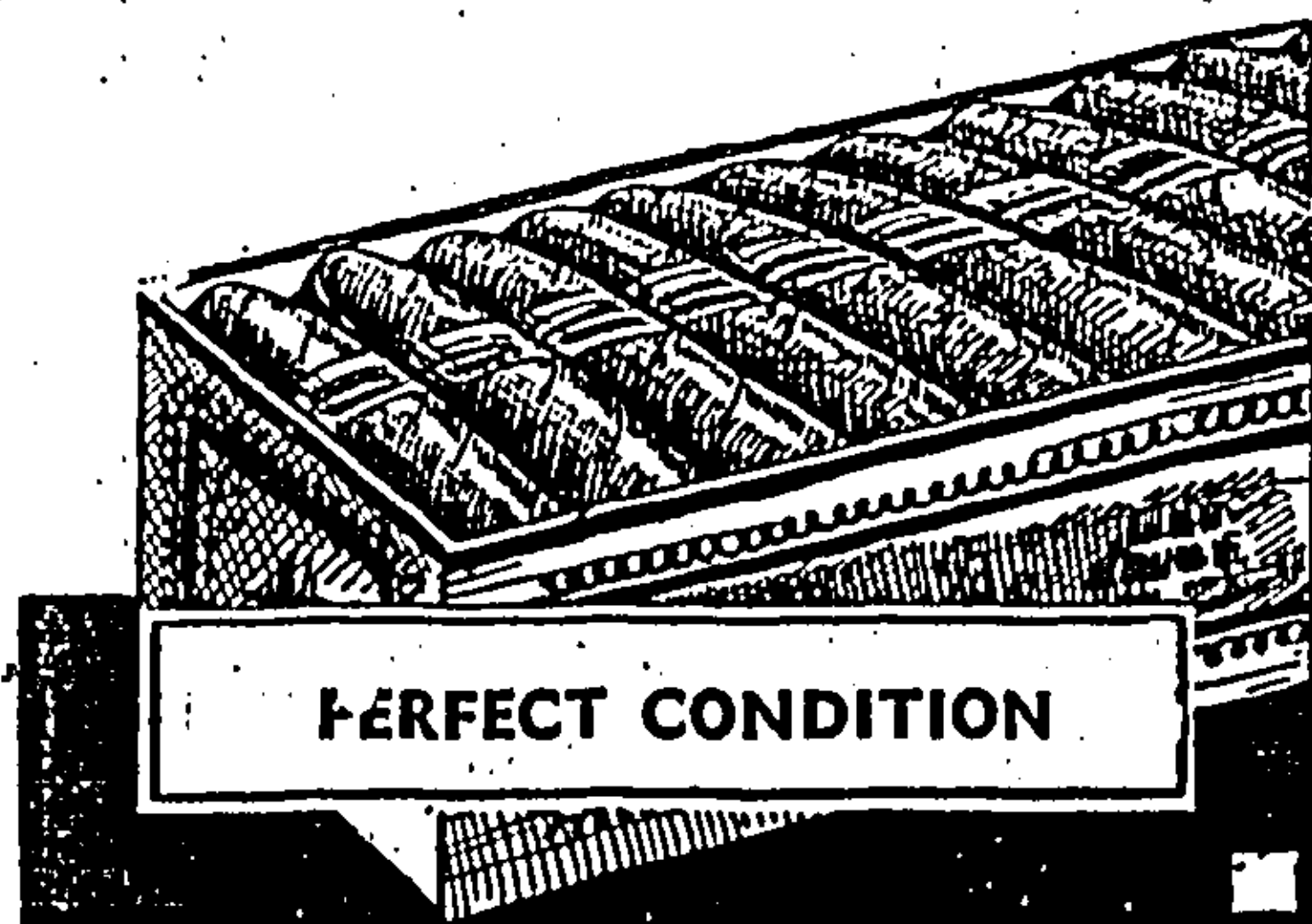
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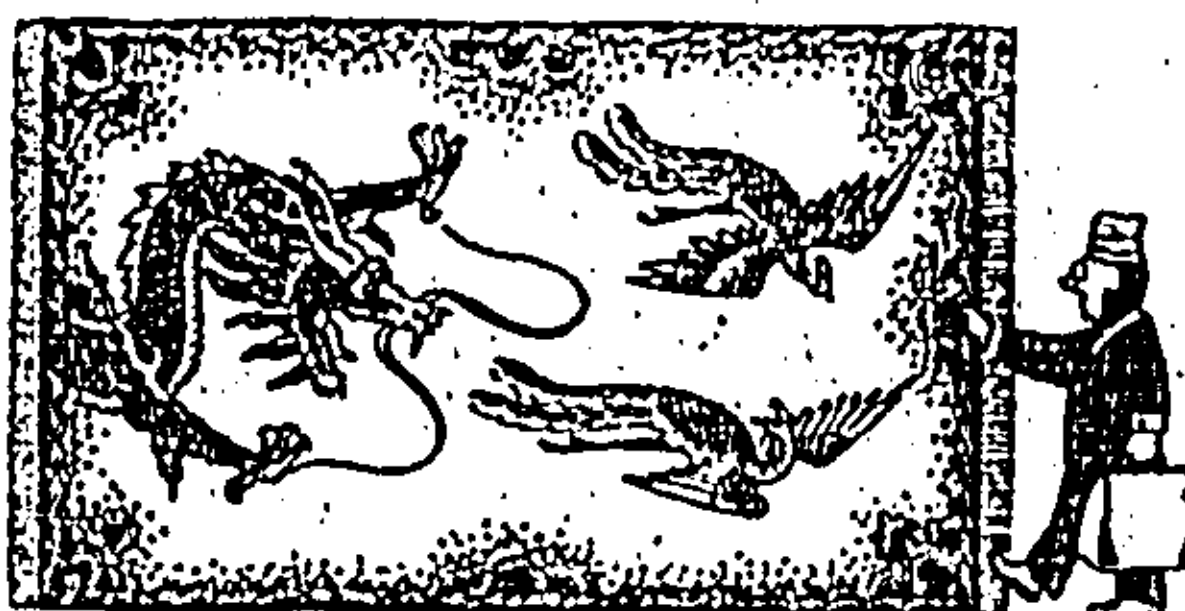
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**NARROW WIN FOR THE
CENTRAL BRITISH**

**Bowlers Hold Upper
Hand**

The Central British School visited the Diocesan Boys' School and beat their hosts by four wickets. A. J. Hulso and J. Sharpham were the outstanding bowlers for their respective sides. Scores:

Diocesan Boys' School.	
A. Zimmern, b. Blake	1
J. Fong, run out	3
G. Lee, b. Sharpham	4
A. J. Hulso, b. Blake	1
W. Rapley, b. Sharpham	12
B. D. Lay, b. Sharpham	3
J. Prettyjohn, run out	0
B. Broadbridge, c. Mulcahy, b. Blake	2
C. Lee, b. Sharpham	1
C. Dalziel, b. Sharpham	0
E. Rapley, not out	2
Extras	3
	32

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sharpham	7	1	15	5
Blake	7	—	14	8

Central British.

D. Blake, b. Lay	11
G. Willmott, run out	1
R. Holden, run out	13
V. Bond, b. Hulso	0
W. Mulcahy, c. Broadbridge, b. Hulso	3
J. Sharpham, l.b.w. b. Hulso	0
K. Baxter, b. Lay	0
C. Bander, b. Hulso	0
R. Trout, b. Hulso	0
T. Hill, run out	0
E. Gaultier, not out	8
Extras	8
Total	41

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Hulso	7	2	19	6
G. Lee	3	2	7	—
B. Lay	4	—	7	2

The Police maintained their unbeaten record in the Marnak Tournament yesterday when they defeated the Royal Signals on the Marina by four goals to nil. Perkins and Wass scored one goal each and Indian Consolled B563 and 70 each scored.

HEADING OUT OF DANGER



Hvoroff, the Sokols leader heads away in their Shanghai Football League match with the Rees on the latter's ground last week. Rees won the game 5-0.

HAMPSHIRE'S WIN.

**Surrey Swamped In
Rugger Match.**

FROST INTERFERES.

London, Dec. 12. Hampshire swamped Surrey in a County rugby match to-day by 32 to 0. They played at Twickenham. All other fixtures were postponed on account of frost.—*Reuter.*

The following will represent the St. Andrew's Club in a friendly hockey match against the Radio Sports Club on the Marina ground at 5 sharp this afternoon.—R. H. Wong; F. A. Broadbridge and E. H. P. White; E. Mac-Ider, A. E. P. Guest (Capt.) and A. B. Hamson; E. C. Fincher, A. S. Blake, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher and M. Well.

1934 SPORTS CALENDER

**ENGLAND'S MOST IMPORTANT
EVENTS**

The following is an interesting sporting calendar for 1934, setting out the dates of some of the most important sports events in England next year.

Jan. 6, 1934	Rugby: England v. The Rest.	Twickenham
Jan. 20	Rugby: England v. Wales	Cardiff
Feb. 10	Rugby: England v. Ireland	Dublin
Feb. 10	Rugby: Royal Navy v. R.A.F.	Twickenham
Mar. 3	Rugby: Royal Navy v. The Army	Twickenham
Mar. 6-8	National Hunt Meeting	Cheltenham
Mar. 16-17	Grand Military Meeting	Sandown Park
Mar. 17	Association Football: Semi-Final Ties.	Wembley
Mar. 17	Rugby: England v. Scotland	Twickenham
Mar. 21	Boxing: Amateur Championships	Royal Albert Hall
Mar. 23	Grand National Steeplechase	Liverpool
Mar. 24	Rugby: Army v. R.A.F.	Twickenham
Apr. 3-28	Ideal Home Exhibition	Olympia
Apr. 21	Association Football: Amateur Final.	Wembley
Apr. 28	Association Football: Final Tie	Wembley
May 2	2,000 Guineas Stakes	Newmarket
May 17-June 2	Royal Tournament	Olympia
May 28	Golf: Amateur Championship	Prestwick, Ayrshire
May 30-June 1	Chelsea Flower Show	London
June 6	Derby Stakes	Epsom
June 8	Oaks Stakes	Epsom
June 16, 19-23	Aldershot Command Tattoo	Aldershot
June 19-22	Ascot Meeting	Ascot
June 25	Golf: Open Championship	Royal St. George's
June 25-July 7	Lawn Tennis (All-England Championships)	Wimbledon, Kent
June 30	Royal Air Force Display	London
July 3-7	Royal Agricultural Soc. of England Show	Ipswich
July 9, 10, 11	Cricket: Oxford v. Cambridge	Lords
July 9-21	Shooting: Bisley N.R.A. Meeting	Lords
July 13-14	Amateur Athletic Association Ch'ship	White City
July 13-14	Cricket: Eton v. Harrow	Lords
July 23-24	Cricket: Royal Navy v. The Army	Lords
July 31-Aug. 1-3	Goodwood Meeting	Goodwood
Aug. 4, 7-11	Southern Command Tattoo	Tidworth
Aug. 7-10	Yachting: R.Y.S. Regatta	Cowes
Sept. 12	St. Leger Stakes	Doncaster
Oct. 17	Cesarewitch Stakes	Newmarket
Oct. 23-26	Dairy Show	Royal Agricultural Hall
Oct. 31	Cambridge Stakes	Newmarket
Nov. 24	Manchester November Handicap	Manchester

IMPORTANT MATCHES AT LORDS 1934.

M.C.C. v. Surrey	May 2, 8, 4
M.C.C. v. Yorkshire	May 5, 7, 8
Middlesex v. Gloucestershire	May 10, 11
M.C.C. v. Australians	May 12, 14, 15
Middlesex v. Hampshire	May 16, 17, 18
Middlesex v. Sussex	May 19, 21, 22
Middlesex v. Somerset	May 23, 24, 25
Middlesex v. Australians	May 26, 28, 29
Middlesex v. Warwickshire	May 30, 31, June 1
England v. The Rest	June 2, 4, 5
Middlesex v. Nottingham	June 6, 7, 8
Middlesex v. Yorkshire	June 9, 11, 12
Middlesex v. Glamorgan	June 13, 14, 15
Gentlemen of England v. Australians	June 16, 18, 19
England v. Australia	June 22, 23, 25, 26
Middlesex v. Essex	June 27, 28, 29
M.C.C. v. Oxford University	June 30, July 1, 2
M.C.C. v. Cambridge University	July 3, 4, 5
Oxford v. Cambridge	July 9, 10, 11
Eton v. Harrow	July 13, 14
R.A. v. R.E.	July 15, 17
Middlesex v. Lancashire	July 18, 19, 20
Royal Navy v. The Army	July 23, 24
Gentlemen v. Players	July 25, 26, 27
Middlesex v. Derbyshire	August 15, 16, 17
M.C.C. v. Scotland	August 20, 21
Middlesex v. Surrey	August 22, 23, 24
Middlesex v. Kent	August 25, 27, 28
Middlesex v. Notts	August 29, 30, 31



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SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day.

H.K. Banks, \$1810 b.	East Asia Bank, \$101 n.	Am. O. Finance Corp., \$20 n.	China O. Fin. Prof., \$4.76 n.	China O. Fin. Prof., \$5 n.
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Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$6.30 n.	H.K. Lands, \$71 1/2 n.	S'hai Lands, \$30 1/2 n.	Metropolitan Lands, \$14 n.	Humphreys, \$12 n.
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Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$21 1/2 b.	Peak Trams (Old), \$15 1/2 n.	Peak Trams (New), \$7 1/2 n.	Star Ferry (Old), \$99 1/2 b.	Yau Ma Tei Ferry (Old), \$24 1/2 b.
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Industrials.

Malayan Sugars \$15 n.	Cald: Macg. (old), \$21 n.	Cald: Macg. (Prof.), \$19 1/2 n.	Canton Leds \$2 1/2 n.	Cementa (Com.), \$1.60 n.
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Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28 n.	Watsons, \$6.30 b.	Dor A Wings, \$1 n.	Lane Crawfords, \$4 1/2 b.	Mackintosh, \$21 n.
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Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$4 1/4 n.	H.K. Entertainments, \$10 1/4 n.	S.C. Enterprises, \$1 1/2 n.	United Theatres, \$2 n.	Macao (Greyhounds), \$2 n.
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S MARKET STEADY

According to Messrs. Swan Culbertson and Fritz, the New York market was steady yesterday. Business done 1,400,000 shares. The Wall Street Journal reports: "The market was quiet and generally downward due to profit-taking and grain prices were depressed on account of professional selling. The undertone, however, was firm. Communication stocks responded moderately to the announcement that President Roosevelt is studying the largest proposal of the Postal Telegraph and the Western Union. United States bonds were firm and active due to the strength of the U.S. dollar. Foreign bonds were unsettled due to a sharp rise in the German dollar issues."

From *Age* magazine cable report: "Steel production was reported at 31.5% of capacity mostly due to increased fulfillment of expiring orders. Rail deliveries are not expected to start until late winter. Public Works programme is the predominant concern, buying 25,000 tons of steel compared with 22,000 tons last week. Exports are rising, especially to Welsh tinplate mills."

Our New York office cable: "Stocks: The market continued to fluctuate within a narrow range with little outside interest. Wheat: The market is decidedly oversold and natural reaction is overdue. Cotton: Trading is limited but undertone of the market is steady and the general feeling bullish. Silver: The market closed strong on unconfirmed rumours that the R.F.C. gold price may advance to-morrow."

The R.F.C. gold price yesterday \$34.01, unchanged. The Dow-Jones commodity index 47.85, off .60.

The opening figure of the Dow-Jones industrial average yesterday was 101.60.

Dow-Jones N.Y. averages:

Dec. 12	Dec. 13
30 Industrials ... 101.64	100.69
20 Rails ... 42.47	41.09
20 Utilities ... 24.37	24.45
40 Bonds ... 83.12	83.11

The following market closing prices are quoted subject to confirmation as to accuracy in transmission:

Dec. 12	Dec. 13
Adams Express ... 8 1/4	8 1/4
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co. ... 20 1/2	21 1/2
Allied Chemical & Dye ... 147	148 1/2
American Can ... 98 1/2	97 1/2
American & Foreign Power ... 9 1/2	10
American & Foreign Pow. 7% Pref. ... 20 1/2	Unq.
American & Foreign Pow. Warrants ... 6 1/2	7
American Metal ... 18 1/2	19 1/2
American Smelting ... 45	42 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. ... 120 1/2	120
American Tobacco "B" ... 75	74 1/2
American Water-works ... 19 1/2	19 1/2
Anacosta Copper ... 14 1/2	14 1/2
Auburn Automobile ... 55 1/2	54 1/2
Atlas Corporation ... 1 1/2	Unq.
Baltimore & Ohio ... 25 1/2	24 1/2
Bethlehem Steel ... 36 1/2	36 1/2
Borden Company ... 21 1/2	21
Borg Warner ... 19 1/2	19 1/2
Cannadian Pacific Railway ... 13 1/2	13
Case, J.I. ... 72 1/2	71
Chase National Bank (bid price) ... 18 1/2	18 1/2
Chesapeake Corporation ... 35 1/2	35 1/2
Chrysler Corporation ... 52	51 1/2
Columbia Gas & Electric ... 12 1/2	12 1/2
Commonwealth and Southern ... 1 1/2	1 1/2
Consolidated Gas of New York ... 39 1/2	38 1/2
Continental Oil ... 18 1/2	18 1/2
Corn Products ... 76	77 1/2
Coty Inc. ... 4	4
Curtiss Wright Com. ... 2 1/2	2 1/2
Douglas Aircraft ... 14 1/2	14 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours ... 81 1/2	80 1/2
Eastman Kodak ... 85	81 1/2
Electric Bond & Share ... 14 1/2	14
Electric Power & Light ... 5 1/2	5 1/2
Fox Film "A" ... 15 1/2	Unq.
General Aviation ... 5 1/2	Unq.
General Electric ... 20 1/2	20 1/2
General Foods ... 37	36 1/2
General Motors ... 34 1/2	34
General Railway Signal ... 34	34
Gold Dust ... 18 1/2	18
Goodyear Tire & Rubber ... 36 1/2	35 1/2
International Cement ... 30 1/2	30
International Harvester ... 42	41 1/2
International Nickel ... 21 1/2	21 1/2
International Tel. & Tel. ... 14	14 1/2
Johns Manville ... 61 1/2	60 1/2
Kennecott Copper ... 20 1/2	20 1/2
Lehman Corporation ... 70 1/2	69 1/2
Liggett & Myers "B" ... 86 1/2	85 1/2
Loew's Inc. ... 32	32
Lorillard P. (Com.) ... 17 1/2	18
Melroe Porcupine Mines Ltd. ... 37 1/2	39
Montgomery Ward ... 23 1/2	23 1/2
National City Bank (bid price) ... 18 1/2	15 1/2
National Distillers ... 26 1/2	26 1/2
New York Central ... 37	36 1/2
North American Co. ... 15 1/2	15 1/2
Owens-Illinois Glass ... 83	82
Pacific Gas & Electric ... 18 1/2	17 1/2
Packard Motors ... 4 1/2	4 1/2
Pennsylvania Rail-road ... 31 1/2	30
Pennroad Corporation ... 2 1/2	2 1/2
Phillips Petroleum ... 17 1/2	16 1/2
Radio Corporation ... 7 1/2	7 1/2
Radio Keith Orpheum ... 2 1/2	3 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco "B" ... 48 1/2	48 1/2
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SINO-JAPANESE RAPPROCHEMENT?

(Continued from Page 8.)

rapprochement, but most members of the Government would not be sorry to see it brought about, if they could escape the personal odium attaching to those responsible for engineering it.

An overwhelming majority of foreigners in China would be relieved to see a Sino-Japanese rapprochement, not because they hold pro- or anti-Chinese or Japanese views but because the continuous hostility between the two peoples is a source of serious embarrassment to them. Many of them have business and social relations with both nationalities. Many questions which present difficulties to trade and industry in China can only be solved satisfactorily by cooperation between Chinese, Japanese, and other foreigners. As long as the Sino-Japanese feud simmers, however, such cooperation is out of the question, and any non-Japanese foreigner who suggests it is likely to fall between two stools, by arousing suspicion and antagonism in both camps. Both peoples are at present in such a hypersensitive frame of mind that they are inclined to take the view that anyone who is not for them is against them. Yet the wheels of commerce have to continue to revolve, and the average business man cannot govern all his actions by considerations whether this or that transaction or utterance will give offence to Chinese or to Japanese. If, as it must frankly be admitted, *de jure* recognition of Manchukuo by the Chinese Government is out of the question in the present state of national feeling, that is not a sufficient reason for burying one's head in the sand and refusing to face facts. Sooner or later the Chinese and the Japanese must evolve some understanding by which they can live peacefully side by side, and trade with each other. They may do so on a basis of international cooperation, or on the lines of a Pan-Asian movement. The former must naturally commend itself to the other foreign community in the Far East, who therefore view with little misgiving the ease with which public feeling in both nations can be inflamed on the basis of real or imaginary grievances, against other nations. Even the settlement of so-called local issues in the North would in large measure restore confidence in the stability and future prosperity of China, and thus produce beneficial results both for China herself, and for all foreign interests in this country.

FUTURE OF S.M.R.

REORGANISATION PLAN NOW APPROVED

Dairen, Dec. 13. The wide and dangerous differences between the Kwantung Army and the South Manchuria Railway management over the proposals for the reorganisation of the railway, are believed to have been overcome. It was announced at Changchun today that final plans have been completed for presentation to Tokyo for ministerial approval. Their nature is now disclosed, but it is believed that they safeguard the employees. The employees, nevertheless, are sending a delegation to Tokyo to protect their interests.—*Reuter*.

N.J. ... 40 1/2	40 1/2
Sterling Products Inc. ... 52 1/2	52 1/2
Studebaker Corporation ... 4 1/2	4 1/2
Texas Corporation ... 26	25 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur ... 42 1/2	42 1/2
Transamerica ... 6 1/2	6 1/2
Union Carbide & Carbon ... 40 1/2	40 1/2
Union Pacific Railway ... 113	113 1/2
United Aircraft & Trans. ... 83 1/2	83 1/2
United Corporation ... 5 1/2	5 1/2
United Gas Improvement ... 15 1/2	15 1/2
U.S. Rubber ... 17	16 1/2
U.S. Steel ... 47 1/2	47
Universal Leaf Tobacco ... Unq.	Unq.
Vanadium ... 23 1/2	23 1/2
Warner Brothers Pictures ... 6 1/2	6 1/2
Westinghouse E. & M. ... 41	40
Woolworth ... 42 1/2	41 1/2

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KENSINGTON'S NOISY "GHOST TRAIN"

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Strong complaints are being made by residents in Kensington about the disturbance of their night's rest by a mysterious noise in the early morning.

The source of the noise has not yet been traced, but from all accounts it appears to be caused by a heavy tractor or lorry loaded with loose metal pipes or rails, or possibly empty milk churns, which bumps its way periodically through Kensington at an hour when all good citizens should be asleep.

The last "appearance" of what is popularly known as the Kensington Ghost Train was at about 1 a.m. recently, when, with sundry snorts and rattlings, it crashed along

Warwick-gardens at about six miles an hour, bringing distracted householders to their windows muttering curses and imprecations on the disturber of their slumbers. A committee of Kensington residents is now being formed to track the offender and stimulate the police to action.

Unexpected Arrival.

"The difficulty," explained one of the residents in Warwick-gardens, "is to trace the actual lorry or tractor which makes all the commotion. We never know when it is coming, but it arrives always at a most inconvenient hour."

"Last night I heard it coming when it was about 300 yards away, but by the time I had put on my dressing gown and slippers it had passed the house, and I did not fancy the idea of chasing it up the street."

It is proposed to form a night watch, each member taking his turn at sitting up throughout the night, so that at the Ghost Train's

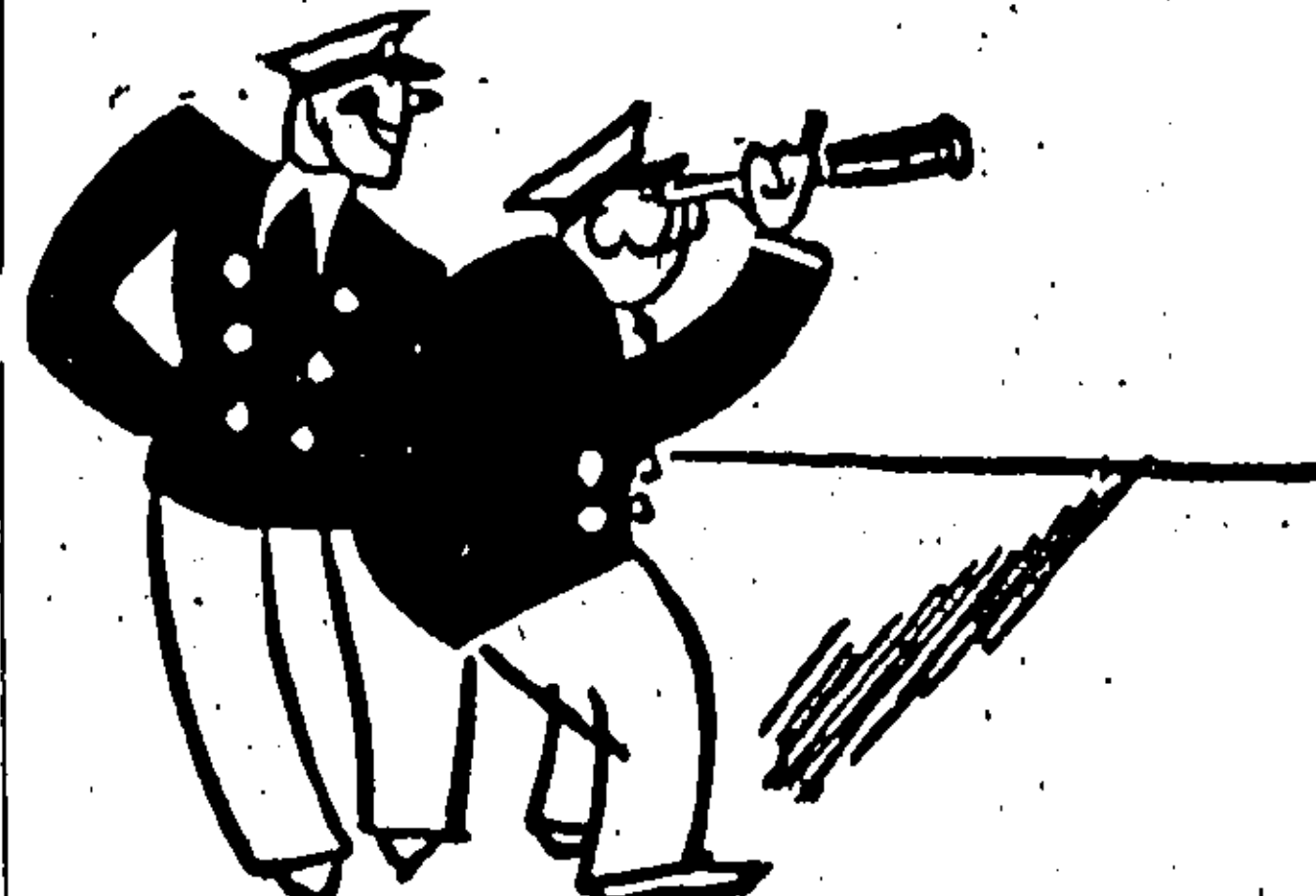
RUBBER SHARES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts have received the following cabled quotations from their Shanghai office:

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
Anglo-Javas	\$5.25	\$4.40
Anglo-Dutch	2.00	2.20
Batu Anams	.35	.34
Chemors	.40	.40
Consolidated	1.15	1.00
Repahs	.38	.37
Kroewoeks	.38	.37
Tanah Merahs	.50	.41
Tebongs	.92	.91
Ziangbes	6.00	6.00

next "appearance" its number may be taken and other evidence collected from residents whose sleep has been disturbed.



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STORIES OF THE REIGN OF TERROR IN SPANISH REVOLT

LEAGUE POLICE FORCE

MR. EDEN SCORNS PROJECT

BRIEF DEBATE IN COMMONS

London, Dec. 14. The efficacy of the Shanghai Defence Force, composed of seven nationalities, was among the arguments cited in the House of Commons last night in support of proposals for an international police force.

The debate was initiated by Mr. G. L. Mander, the Liberal member for East Wolverhampton. Mr. Mander moved that the British Government press for the formation of such a force under the League of Nations and argued the practicability of the scheme at some length.

Support came from both sides of the House, the principal speakers in favour being Brig.-General E. L. Spears (Con. Carlisle) and Major C. R. Attles (Lab. Stepney, Limehouse).

EDEN SCOUTS PLAN.

The motion was, however, dropped after a reply by Captain

PERSIA MARCHES FORWARD

BIG RAILWAY ORDER FOR BRITAIN

London, Dec. 13. A large order for covered railway vans for the Persian Railway has been secured by the British firm, Metropolitan Cammell Carriage Wagon and Finance Company.

In a leading article, the *Times* to-day pays a tribute to the evolution of modern Persia, under the vigorous leadership of the Shah, from its previous state of dangerous and turbulent feudalism. Special reference is made to the Shah's campaign against official corruption, which the *Times* says has greatly benefited his humbler subjects.

The newspaper adds that the revival of Persia under the Shah's leadership is welcome to Great Britain, who always desires her to be a strong and independent country.—*British Wireless*.

Anthony Eden, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who contended that the suggestion was impracticable and scorned the idea of an international police force being allowed to use bombing. Captain Eden asserted that personally he would not feel much happier in smitherens as the result of an international bomb than a national bomb.—*Reuter*.

CHURCHES BURNED TO THE GROUND

ANARCHISTS USE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AS SHIELDS

SHOCKING EVENTS IN PROVINCES

After several days of complete anarchy and grave anxiety, the situation in Spain is believed to be under control. All public forces have remained loyal to the Government and the crisis is thought to be over.

At least a dozen provinces were involved in the rebellion and tragic stories are related now detailed reports are trickling into Madrid.

There were, however, few incidents suggestive of disaffection in the army. Recruits staged a mutiny in Badajoz Province. Peace envoys sent to them were fired on, a sergeant and corporal of the civil guard being killed.

Women were found to be playing an active part in the uprising, carrying unsuspicious looking baskets, which saved them interference from the police, containing revolvers and ammunition for the rebels. Their job was usually to remove unloaded pistols and to return with them reloaded.

REBELS SURRENDER.

The Ministry of Interior reports that part of the Villanueva garrison in Badajoz province mutinied and opened fire on the Civil Guard, killing three. Troops were rushed to the spot from Badajoz with a field gun but the rebels promptly surrendered.

Several bombs exploded in various parts of Madrid. Bombs were also thrown by the anarchists in some neighbouring cities and the electricity plants were the main sufferers.

With the exception of a few places where the insurgents are still restive, in Huesca Province, calm reigns once more throughout

the country. It is learned that the rebels now hold only two or three villages.

In a broadcast speech Senor Martinez Barrios, the Premier, told the nation that the Government was firmly determined to maintain order throughout the country. He appealed to all citizens for their co-operation in restoring peace.

SANGUINARY COMBAT.

Barcelona reports a sanguinary combat when anarchists and syndicalists raised the flag of revolt in Santa Eulalia, a suburb of the city, over extremist headquarters. Police battled the radicals with tear bombs, and in the subsequent rioting, seven persons were killed.

Elsewhere in the vicinity of Barcelona five persons were killed and twelve wounded.

There is comparative tranquillity in the terrorised regions, but an estimate of casualties is still difficult because many communication lines, including 150 telephone lines have been destroyed.

MOB CALLOUSNESS.

The Anarchists issued an inflammatory manifesto urging the people to "destroy the State and seize banks and houses of the rich."

NO PASSPORT RESTRICTIONS

ON LONDON-PARIS WEEK-END TRIPS

London, Dec. 13. In the House of Commons, the Foreign Under Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the French Government, in response to an enquiry, had been informed that the British Government were glad to enter into an arrangement by which British and French holders of week-end tickets will be allowed to continue their journey to Paris and London respectively without passports.—*British Wireless*.

A ghastly example of what a mob is capable of comes from Logrono province, where the Reds seized the wives and children of Civil Guards and forced them to march ahead while the Reds fired on the husbands, who were powerless to reply.

The known death-roll hitherto as a result of the disturbances is 60, while the injured number hundreds. So far, over 1,000 arrests have been made.

A convent and a church were completely gutted at Granada where the Reds set fire to six religious buildings.

MOTORISTS AS HOSTAGES.

Motorists were stopped at various places, their cars overturned, and the passengers forced to accompany the rebels as hostages.

Vitriol was used in a fight around Saragossa University, while 200 anarchists besieged the police barracks at Tormos, near Huesca, where a general strike was proclaimed.

SOVIET REGIME PROCLAIMED.

More serious happenings have occurred at Alcañiz, where the rebels burnt the town hall and proclaimed a Soviet regime.

In Seville, like an armed fortress, the police and military were ordered to fire at sight. Machine-guns were placed at all strategic points.



The Marchese Marconi and his wife who arrived in Hongkong aboard the s.s. Conte Rosso to-day.

MARCONI HERE

NOTED INVENTOR IN COLONY

Greeted by Consular officials, many prominent members of the Italian community and leading residents of the Colony, Marquis Marconi, most famous inventor of the twentieth century, arrived in Hongkong at 2 p.m. to-day by the Lloyd Tricestino liner Conte Rosso.

The famous inventor of radio is returning to Italy after a tour that has embraced the United States, Japan and China, and is accompanied by the Marchioness and his private secretary, Mr. V. Marconi.

The distinguished visitor left the ship immediately after its arrival, and, crossing the harbour, made a sight-seeing tour around the island in the company of the Italian Consul-General, Comm. A. Bianconi.

This afternoon a private reception is being held at the Repulse Bay Hotel. At 5.30 p.m. the Marquis and Marchioness will be the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel at tea at Government House.

Among those who were present at the reception tea-dance at Repulse Bay this afternoon were the Italian Consul-General, Mr. and Mrs. Gonella, Mr. and Mrs. Vannini, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Piovanello, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bugazzi and Mr. and Mrs. Bacci.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAYS

Q.P.R. TRIUMPH AT NEW BRIGHTON

London, Dec. 13. Queen's Park Rangers atoned handsomely for their failure to defeat New Brighton at Loftus Road on Saturday in the second round of the F.A. Cup.

In the reply at New Brighton to-day, the Southerners proved their superiority in convincing fashion winning by four goals to nil.

The other replay to-day also resulted in a victory for a team which failed at home. Halifax went to Huddersfield and won by two goals to one. Extra time was necessary before they obtained the winning goal.

In the third round, Q.P.R. Rangers are away to Notts Forest and Halifax visit Bolton Wanderers.—*Reuter*.

FINE WEATHER

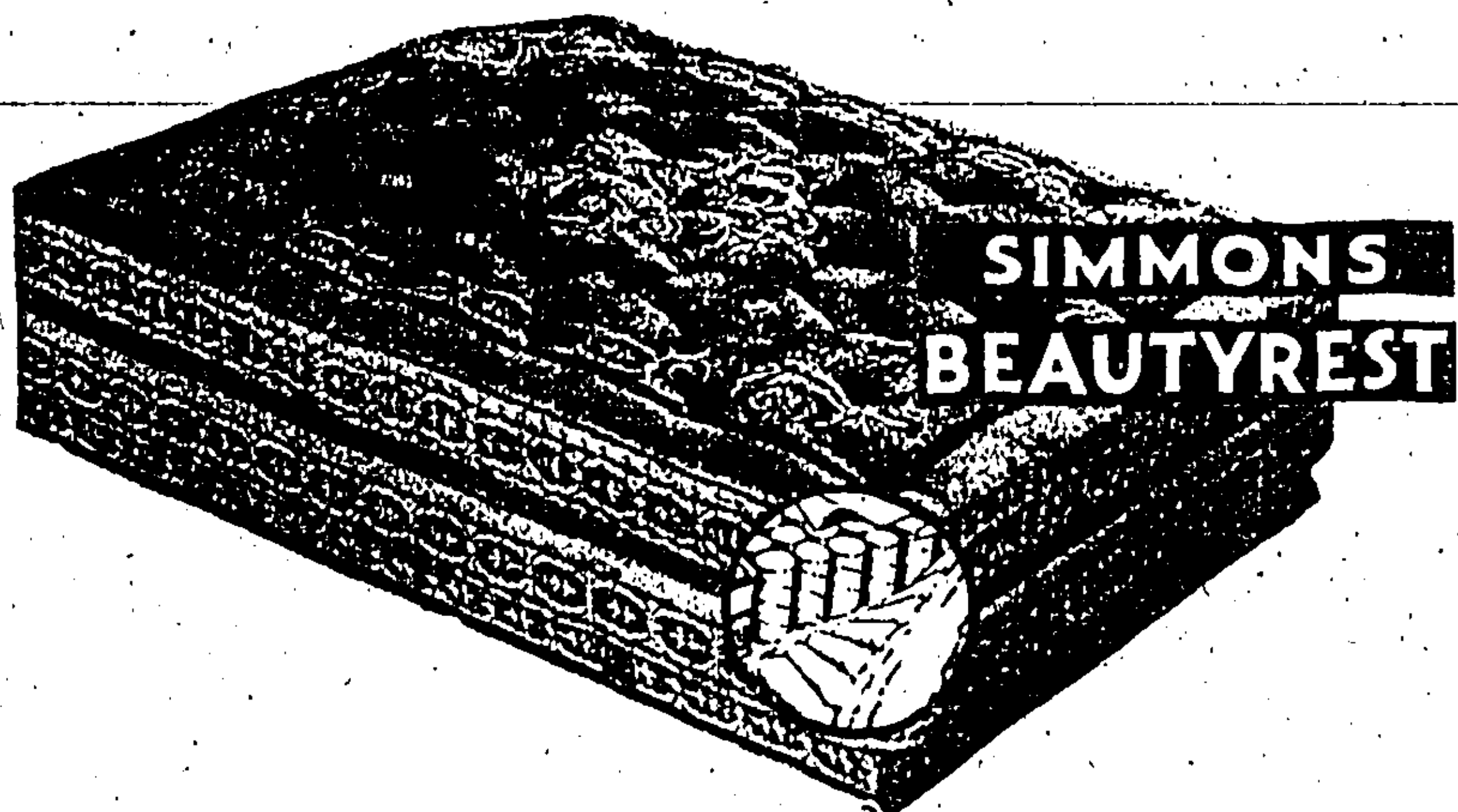
A strong anticyclone is centred over South Manchuria, and covers China and Japan. Local Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

CHESTERFIELD KEEP IT UP

London, Dec. 14. In the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Chesterfield who are running away with the championship, obtained their fifteenth victory in seventeen games. They were playing at home to Barrow and won by two goals to one.

In a friendly match at Liverpool, Liverpool defeated the Austria Football Club by four goals to two.—*Reuter*.

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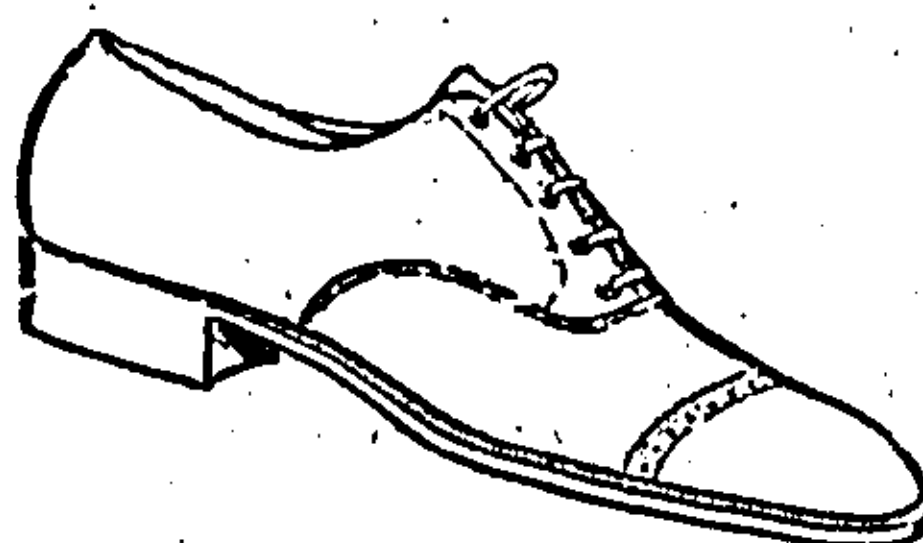
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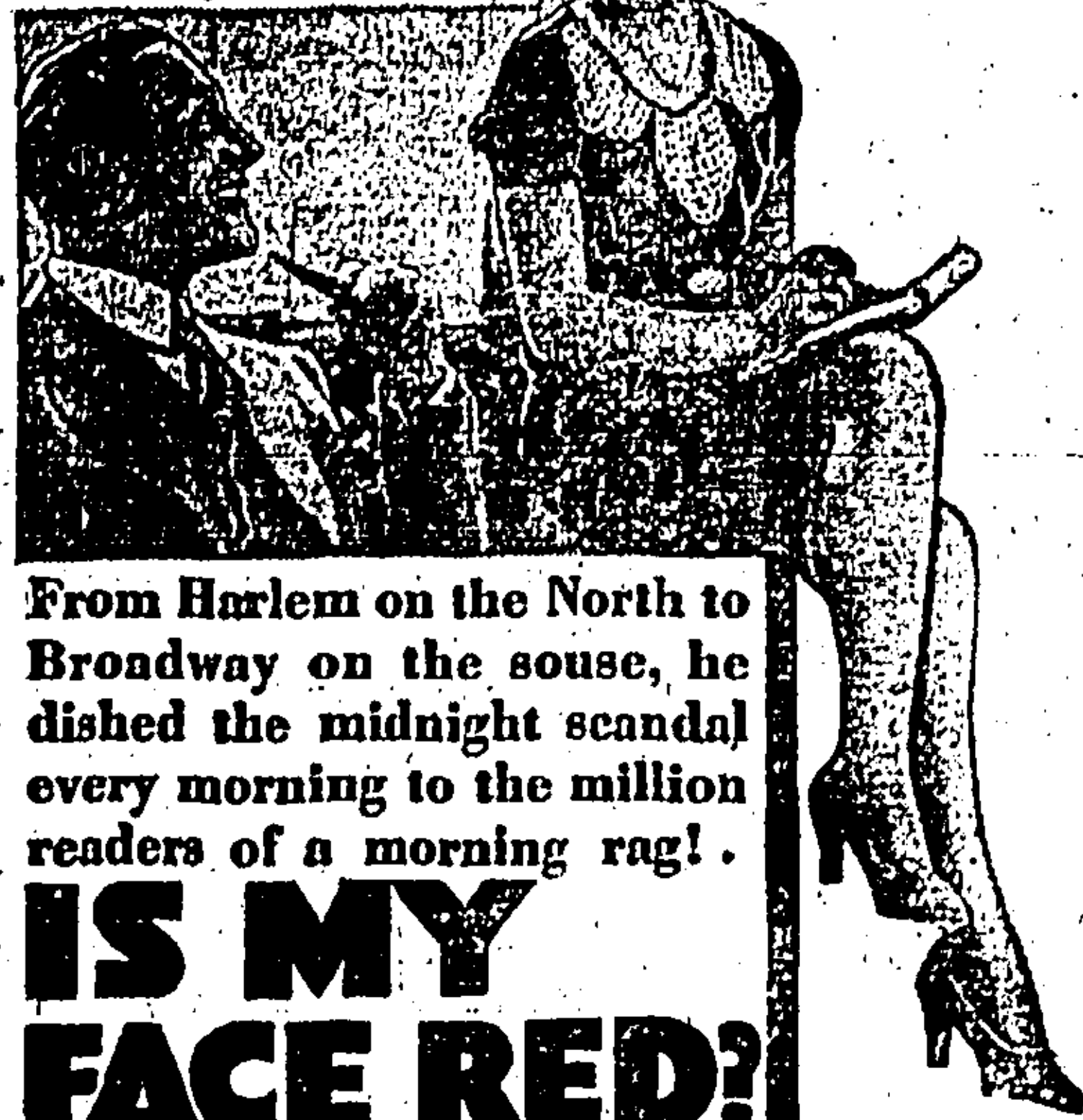
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SCOTTISH
CUP DRAW

LITTLE TO FURNISH
A THRILL

London, Dec. 13.

The draw for the First Round of
the Scottish Association Cup draw
was made in Glasgow to-day, and
resulted in a very curious distribution.
In only two of the matches, do
First Division eleven clash.

The draw follows:

Queen o' South	v. Edinburgh C.
Alloa	v. Dundee United
St. Johnstone	v. East Fife
Pennicuik	v. St. Mirren
Nithsdale	v. East Stirling
Motherwell	v. Galashiels
King's Park	v. Dundee
Montrose	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. Forth
Leith	v. Cowdenbeath
Ross County	v. Burntisland
Leith Amateurs	v. Falkirk
Dalbeattie Star	v. Celtic
Aberdeen	v. Raith Rovers
Partick	v. Morton
Vale of Leven	v. Rosyth Dock- yard
Arbroath	v. Dumbarton
Belth	v. Brechin
Albion Rovers	v. Vale o' Caba
Rangers	v. Blairgowrie
Galston	v. Keith
Hibernians	v. Clyde
St. Bernard's	v. Wick Academy
Ayr	v. Dunfermline
Stenhousemuir	v. Third Lanark
Airdrie	v. Kilmaronock
Peterhead	v. Hamilton

Matches are to be played on
January 20.—*Reuter.*

MERGER
AGREEMENT
IN SIGHT

FINANCIAL AID
FROM GOVT.

London, Dec. 13.

Financial assistance from
the Government to enable
the early completion of the
partially built giant Cunard-
er was definitely promised
by the Chancellor of Ex-
chequer to-day.

Questioned as to the progress
of the negotiations between the
Cunard and White Star Lines
concerning the merger made a
condition of assistance, Mr. Cham-
berlain replied, "I am glad to say
these difficult and complicated
negotiations, conducted with great
goodwill on all sides, have reached
the stage at which the Government
feels justified in assuming that an
effective merger of the North
Atlantic fleets of the Cunard and
White Star Lines will become an
accomplished fact at an early date.
"It is the intention of the Gov-
ernment, in that event, shortly
to lay before the House proposals
for furnishing the necessary finan-
cial facilities for the completion of
the new Cunard Liner known as
number 534."

CONSENT OF CREDITORS.

Answering further questions,

SWATOW IN
PANIC

GENERAL CRASH
FEARED

STEADY SERIES OF
BANKRUPTCIES

Swatow, Dec. 13.

A general financial crash is
developing here following a series
of banking and business failures.
Most of the notes issued by the
local banks have depreciated heavily
in the market, and businesses have
been practically brought to a stand-
still by the financial stringency.

The Swatow Chamber of Com-
merce has urged the Canton Pro-
vincial Government to tighten
the ban on the export of silver
coins and to suspend the imposition
of several taxes as a means to
relieve the business hardship.

Two other business failures
occurred yesterday when the Chen
Ki and Wing Tai Firms which trade
in drug imports and exports, were
declared bankrupt.—*Central News.*

The Chancellor said that not only
would these proposals have to
come before the House, but the
consent of the secured creditors
in both cases would have to be
obtained.

As everyone was anxious to get
on with the work he believed there
would be no undue delay.—*British
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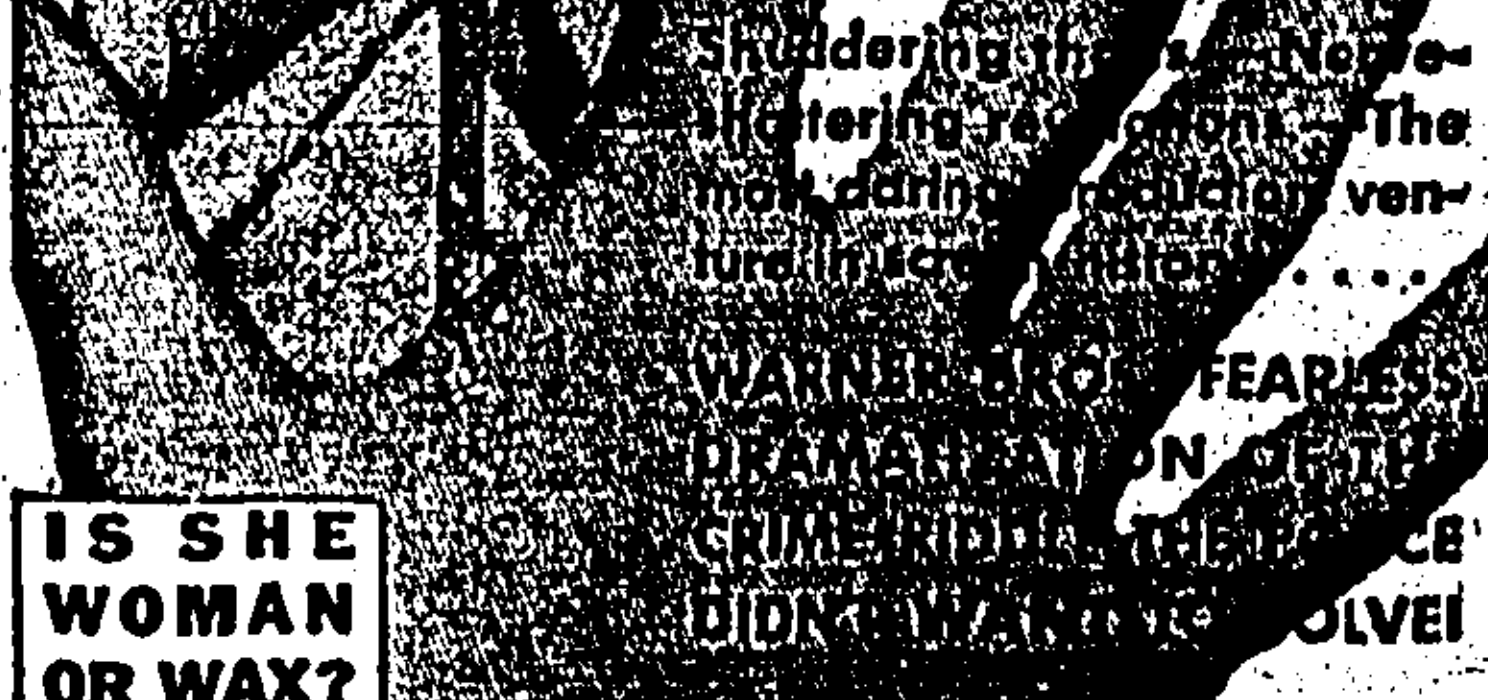
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The subscription lists closed this

afternoon.

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the balance of the amount which

is not stated.

Although industries and lead-

ing business firms supported the

loan to the fullest extent of their

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of the total Mr. de Valera hoped

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